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NO GROUND FOR HOPE

Despite the Anzac's heroism and the enemy's heavy losses, there is no ground for hoping that the fighting in Greece can take a turn to our advantage, Mr. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister, declared in a statement to the press yesterday.

We are seeing the last stages of a very gallant rear-guard action," he said, and concluded with an appeal to the country to sink any political differences to dispose of Australia's forces and strength in such a way as to provide the maximum war effort.—Reuter.

THE JACKAL AT WORK

Bulgarian troops have occupied almost the whole of Thrace between the Rivers Maritza on the Turkish frontier and the River Struma in the West, according to a Sofia despatch quoted by D.N.B. Districts of the first zone of Yugoslav Macedonia are also stated to be in the course of occupation, including the towns of Pilep and Risen.—Reuter.

POPE'S PEACE MESSAGE

His Holiness the Pope, in a letter to the Papal Secretary, Cardinal Maglione, exhorts the faithful this year to pray to the Holy Mother for "the restoration of peace inspired by justice and charity such as would renew brotherly feelings between nations."—Reuter.

BOMBS ON KENT

Bombs were dropped on Kent yesterday morning by a single enemy aircraft, causing few casualties. The damage was not extensive.

This was all the enemy activity reported by the Air Ministry over the British Isles during daylight yesterday.—Reuter.

BRITISH RAID ON GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Berlin Radio left the air late last night indicating that British raiding planes were over Germany. — International News Service.

TWO MORE AEGEAN ISLANDS OCCUPIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was confirmed last night that the Germans have occupied two Aegean Islands, Thasos and Skyros, dominating the position of the Dardanelles. — International News Service.

Russia Holds Aloof

The Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, regretfully informed a questioner in the House of Commons yesterday that so far he was unable to report progress in the negotiation of a trade agreement and a general settlement with Russia.

He added: "I need hardly say that His Majesty's Government will always be ready when a favourable occasion offers to discuss questions of common concern with the Soviet Government with the object of settling all outstanding questions in a manner equally beneficial to both parties."

When the questioner asked whether the status of the Baltic States was one of the causes of difficulty, Mr. Butler replied non-committally: "I think the subject must be discussed."—Reuter.

NEW JAPANESE COMPLAINT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Japanese complain that the recent measures taken in British Malaya and in the Dutch East Indies restricting rubber shipments to Shanghai, are hampering the smooth operation of the city's rubber manufacturing, 10 per cent. of which are under Japanese control. — International News Service.

Early Debate Urged: Post For Mr. Lloyd George?

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

PARLIAMENT WANTS AN EARLY FULL- DRESS DEBATE ON THE WAR SITUATION. THAT WAS MADE CLEAR IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Three major points are exercising the minds of Members of Parliament: Firstly, Did Mr. Eden's tour of the Balkans achieve all that was possible? Secondly, Is fresh blood wanted in the Government? Thirdly, Is production sufficiently keyed up to the tempo of totalitarian war?

The former War Minister, Mr. Horc-Belisha, yesterday led a demand for an early statement by Mr. Eden so that the House could form an opinion on the diplomatic and strategic decisions leading up to the present situation in the Balkans.

This debate will necessarily include the question that is troubling Australia.

But the debate will not come until the present Balkan situation has been clarified and statements can be made without detriment to the military situation.

On production, there is growing doubt about the wisdom of Labour Minister Bevin's continued

resistance to anything that could be called industrial conscription.

War Cabinet

There is also increasing demand in the House for a really small War Cabinet, not necessarily selected from the present Cabinet personages, which would have power to get things done in a more clear-cut fashion than is the case in some Government departments at present.

No drastic change in the present Governmental team is ever discussed among Parliamentarians without the name of David Lloyd George coming up and his name is once again being freely mentioned.—Reuter.

NAZI FORCE IN TRIPOLI

The Nazis have moved another motorised division across to Tripoli within the last week, according to the military commentator of the newspaper "PM."

He quotes "previously unpublished information" as warrant for the statement.

He estimates that the Germans now have a total of two panzer and four motorised divisions in North Africa, with anti-aircraft troops, and he puts the strength of the German Army in North Africa at between 85,000 and 90,000 men.

The commentator adds that the remnants of Marshal Graziani's army is believed to total 50,000 men.—Reuter.

Heavy Bombing In Greece

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Heavy German air attacks on Greek ports and islands yesterday was reported by the Athens Radio.

The Radio bulletin states: "Numerous German aircraft in repeated waves attacked Piraeus, Salamis, Megra and Attida. Bombs were dropped on Corinth causing damage and casualties. German squadrons also bombed Thebes and another squadron attacked Milos Island.—International News Service.

ADMIRAL HORTHY SEES HITLER

Herr Hitler yesterday received at his headquarters, the Hungarian Regent, Admiral Horthy, who later returned to Budapest, says the official German News Agency.—Reuter.

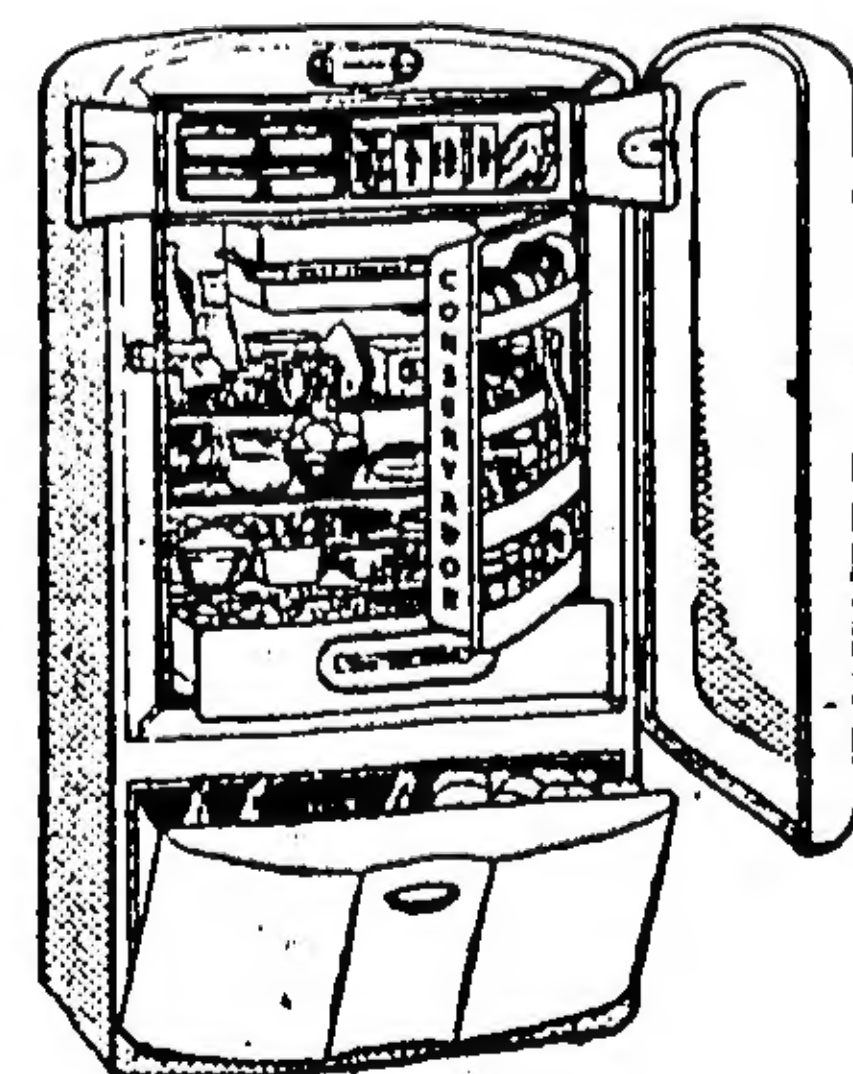
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PRICE OF AMERICAN SECURITY

Mr. Morgenthau On New Tax Bill

"A SMALL PRICE to pay for American security" was the description given by Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, of the request for \$3,500,000,000 in new taxes which he has made to Congress for greater defence production.

In a formal statement to the House of Representatives' Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Morgenthau said: "We are faced with a greater challenge than any in the history of the Republic. It calls for a much greater response than yet made.

"The American people are prepared to make such a response willingly. How much is it worth to be free men living in a free land? The American people are willing to pay that price."

Mr. Morgenthau added: "We simply cannot carry on business as usual and the Government cannot take adequate care of our defence needs."

"It would be a fair price to pay for the production of a national security and I hope in our united way a Government or as an individual."

Pay As You Go

Mr. Morgenthau made no specific recommendations as to how the new taxes should be raised but said that "The new taxes will seem a small price to pay" for the nation's security.

He said that the tax programme firstly presented a method of "paying as you go" for reasonable proportionate expenditure; secondly it was designed so that all sections of the people will bear a fair share of the burden; thirdly, to help the United States resources for defence by reducing the amount of money expended on less important things; fourthly, it is designed to prevent a general rise in prices by keeping purchasing power from out running production. —Reuter.

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PIECEMEAL DEBATES PROBLEM

A move towards an Empire-wide synchronisation of parliamentary debates on the war was made in the House of Commons yesterday.

When Mr. Winston Churchill was announcing the forthcoming parliamentary programme and left the date for the war debate open, Lord Winterton drew attention to the forthcoming debate of the Australian Parliament and thought it would be most unfortunate if information was given in another country which was not available in Britain.

The Prime Minister replied that it would be an innovation or to say we must necessarily have a debate on the same day as Australia and it would in a sense be an intrusion upon the Dominion's separate independent rights.

Nevertheless, there was obvious inconvenience in debates being held piecemeal.

We were in closest touch with the Dominion governments of Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa and an effort would be made, as far as possible, without the slightest prejudice to independent or separate action, to arrange these debates.

In the meantime, Mr. Churchill said he was informed that the Australian Parliament was unlikely to assemble before the first week in May. —Reuter.

SWAPPED WIVES

Two women of Rockford, Illinois, who have swapped their husbands and children, announce that "everything is working out fine."

They are Mrs. Ruth Schuneman, formerly Mrs. Forbes, and Mrs. Ethel Forbes, formerly Mrs. Schuneman.

Last summer, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Schuneman and the two jolly Schuneman children became friendly with Mr. and Mrs. Merion Forbes and the two jolly Forbes children.

One day Mrs. Schuneman confessed she had fallen in love with Mr. Forbes, and Mrs. Forbes said she was in love with Mr. Schuneman. The husbands made similar confessions.

In December the women got divorces. Mrs. Forbes became Mrs. Schuneman and Mrs. Schuneman became Mrs. Forbes.

The Schuneman children went to live with the Forbeses and the Forbes children with the Schunemans.

Wealthy Mrs. Marie Dickerman, of Pittsburg, is asking for a divorce from her husband, Robert. Judge Patterson has asked for time to consider the case because Marie's love letters to Robert have impressed him so much, while her stories of being kicked five times out of bed have impressed him equally.

If Mrs. Dickerman was really ill-treated, asks Judge Patterson, why should she have written Mr. Dickerman thirty-eight torrid letters and eight telegrams after she had left him?

"After reading these I myself should be able to write a good love letter," sighed Judge Patterson.

ULSTER THANKS EIRE

Paying a tribute in Belfast yesterday to the assistance sent by Eire to ease the position in Belfast after the recent heavy German raid, Mr. McDermott, the Ulster Minister of Public Security, told the Ulster Commons: "It was above and beyond politics. It was based on common humanity and we in the six counties accept and acknowledge it as such." —Reuter.

PLEDGED WORD

Passage for British troops through Iraq continues to be the main topic of discussion in the Arabic Press in Bagdad.

The newspaper "Al Aswat" states: "Honouring the pledged word does not in any circumstances conflict with the sovereign rights of independent Iraq."

Fulfillment of her undertakings to a friendly state passing through the most dangerous stage of her history is striking evidence of Iraq's resolve to maintain her dignity and political honour. Thus she will promote greater confidence in herself among the Powers with whom she has political treaties." —Reuter.

CANADA'S AIRCRAFT OUTPUT

Canada's aircraft orders for 1941 were approximately \$100,000,000, stated the Home Minister for Munitions in an interview in Toronto yesterday.

He added: "New plants opening for production are increasing steadily. We are doing all right now. We have managed to iron out a lot of our transport difficulties and within the next few months our plants will be turning out immense quantities of war supplies."

"Even now they are turning out thousands of tons of supplies." —Reuter.

SOVIET SHIP'S CREW ALMOST ALL WOMEN

The Soviet oil tanker Emba (7,886 tons), plying regularly in the Caspian Sea, has a crew consisting almost entirely of women.

The captain is a twenty-five-year-old girl named Maria Bryzgova. She has received a thorough training, serving first as a deck-hand on a training ship.

The boatswain is only nineteen. Four of the sailors are young girls who formerly were collective farmers. —Reuter.

ARAB WORLD REPROVED IN "SPECTATOR"

IN AN OUTSPOKEN ARTICLE IN THE "SPECTATOR" ENTITLED "ARAB VACILLATIONS," A WRITER DESCRIBED AS "A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT," ASKS: COULD THE ARABS BLAME BRITAIN IF SHE EXCLAIMED TO-DAY: WHO IS NOT WITH ME IS AGAINST ME?

The article proceeds: "If the Arabs examine the balance judiciously, they must admit that Britain need not be ashamed of her past record."

Once glance at Syria demonstrates the difference between the British approach to the Arabs and that of other European nations.

Whereas Britain fulfilled meticulously all her promises to Egypt and to Iraq, France failed to ratify the Treaty of 1936 and still keeps Syria more or less in the state of a Colony.

Where Germany rules exclusively through her martlets, Britain has always encouraged native talent to come to the fore.

Since 1939, British soldiers have been defending the fight of the Arab countries to their independence, their right to live their own lives, to worship God in their own way, to preserve what their cultural traditions and racial individuality render precious to them.

British Sacrifice

If it were not for the sacrifice of British lives, the Arab countries would to-day find themselves in the position of starving Poland or enslaved Norway.

After paying tribute to King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, the writer says: "But no amount of sophistry or good will can disguise the fact that for the last

20 months, Egypt and Iraq have refrained from helping Britain in struggles waged in their interest as much as in her own."

So far Britain has done everything in her power to meet the wishes of her Arab friends. But all the giving cannot be on one side.

Ultimate Outcome

The British are justified in reminding their friends in the Middle East that they would not be human if, after the war, they did not remember who was with them and who was not and act accordingly.

The ultimate outcome of the war, fought by the greatest Empire, with the full backing of the richest and mightiest industrial country in the world, can be in no doubt.

It is Britain, whose support of Arab aspirations, both political and economic will be of consequence.

The future of the Arab world depends primarily upon British goodwill. If the Arabs forget this; if they stoop to embroil themselves with the godless intrigues of the Axis, they will assuredly betray the truest interest of their own civilisation. —Reuter.

Australian Auxiliary Troops Land In Singapore

SUBSTANTIAL REINFORCEMENTS

THE AUSTRALIAN Imperial Force in Malaya is now complete in every detail with the arrival at the naval base of further considerable reinforcements yesterday afternoon.

The reinforcements are auxiliaries to those troops already in Singapore and are as fit and cheerful as the main body of the Australians which preceded them in February to safeguard the defence of Malaya in the event of a war in the Far East.

They were met by prominent naval and military and air force officers, headed by the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham.

Major-General Bennett sent a message of greeting from the Australian Imperial Force to the President of the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia, in which he said:

"Should war come to Malaya you may be assured that the second Australian Imperial Force stationed here will strain every sinew to maintain the high standard set them by their fathers in Gallipoli, Palestine, France and Belgium."

Troops arriving yesterday were brimming over with good spirits and greeted their native wellcomers with showers of Australian pennies, and packets of cigarettes. The cigarettes were eagerly grabbed by native dock workers since there is a temporary shortage of cigarettes in Singapore. Reuter.

VIOLIN IN GRAVE OF DANCE LEADER

Miss Chili Bouchier, actress-fiancee of dance band leader Teddy Joyce, carried her sweetheart's violin and his three conducting batons to his graveside in Janefield Cemetery, Glasgow. They were buried with the coffin.

The violin was in an old leather case tied with string. It was the same violin to which Miss Bouchier had listened scores of times when her sweetheart played to her.

She carried it in its case under her arm from the chapel of the hospital where Teddy Joyce (Canadian-born Edmund John Culbertson) died of cerebrospinal fever.

Just before the coffin was lowered into the grave Miss Bouchier, who was almost in a state of collapse, placed the violin case on the polished coffin lid.

Heart-Shaped Wreath

Her mother and a friend held her gently by the arms while she gripped hold of a cord as the coffin was being lowered into the grave.

For several minutes Miss Bouchier stood sobbing at the graveside, but ultimately she was led away.

Her heart-shaped wreath of carnations and lilies of the valley carried a card bearing the message: "In sad and loving memory of the dearest boy that ever lived.—From Chili."

Wreaths were also sent by many well-known dance band leaders and musicians.

A headstone is to be erected at the grave by many of Teddy Joyce's friends in Scotland.

BLINDS DOWN 25 YEARS

When her daughter died twenty-five years ago, Mrs. Harriett Jane Alderman, of Edwy Parade, Gloucester, pulled down the blinds at her house. They have remained down ever since.

Mrs. Alderman was seventy-five. After the death of her husband six years ago she lived the life of a recluse. Her only companion was a dog.

Although advised to see her doctor shortly before her death, she refused to do so. Two days later she was found dead in her garden with her dog mounting guard over her.

The coroner's officer said Mrs. Alderman's house was in a deplorable condition. Empty tins, tea packets and paper were piled high on everything available, and one had to walk sideways to get up and down the stairs.

There was a quarter of an inch of dust over everything, and Mrs. Alderman slept in one corner of a downstairs room with rags for her only covering although there were good clothes in the house.

Death from heart failure as a result of exposure was the verdict.

der to prevent the organisation of an Allied defence of the Peloponnese, possibly employing paratroopers. Reuter.

SKILFUL ALLIED TACTICS

Colonel Bratt, the well-known Swedish military expert, reviewing the Greek war in the "Dagens Nyheter," praises the wise and skilful judgment of the Allied military leaders and the extraordinary spirit and performance of the troops.

He says that this kept operations going on another week while inflicting enormous losses on the Germans.

Imperial troops offered resistance which the Germans had not hitherto met.

The military expert of the "Social-Demokraten" says that the new British positions are good for defence but lack depth.

The Germans will probably seek to cross the Bay of Corinth in order to prevent the organisation of an Allied defence of the Peloponnese, possibly employing paratroopers. Reuter.

NEW DEVICES IN H.M.S. PRINCE OF WALES

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent With The Home Fleet — On Board H.M.S. Prince Of Wales)

I HAVE JUST INSPECTED Great Britain's second new super-battleship to be completed since the war began, H.M.S. Prince of Wales, which has now been added to the Navy.

She is one of the world's most formidable fighting units and has been made virtually unsinkable by subdividing of the interior by watertight bulkheads.

Damage can be quickly isolated.

Such is the present speed of technical advance in the British Navy that she has several new devices, additional to those in H.M.S. King George V, her sister ship, although only a comparatively short time separates their completion dates.

Each of her gun turrets weighs more than many a small warship.

Her big guns, if fired simultaneously, could deliver 15,000 pounds

of shell. Six forward guns alone can fire 9,360 pounds.

The thickness of the deck armour is secret, but it is calculated to resist very heavy bombs.

I sailed in the ship during her trials. Her speed is another secret but it is around 30 knots. The comfort of officers and crew has been well considered.

Officers have cabins fitted with running hot and cold water and built-in electric fires and furniture.

BIG TANKER SUNK RUNNING BLOCKADE

An Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday announces that the British submarine "Urge" torpedoed and sank a heavily-laden oil tanker of over 10,000 tons which was endeavouring to run the blockade.—Reuter.

HUNGARY FALLS INTO LINE

Hungary is falling into line with Germany on the Jewish question.

This was indicated by M. Barossy, the new Hungarian Prime Minister, when he announced the Government programme to Parliament yesterday, according to an official German News Agency despatch from Budapest.

After declaring that Government would follow the policy of his predecessor, Count Teleki, and that "steadfast friendship towards our great friends (Germany and

TOUR OF INDIA'S DEFENCES

The Commander-in-Chief, India, General Auchinleck, has just completed a lightning tour of the north-western frontier areas, bordering south-eastern Afghanistan, doing considerable distance by air.

From Peshawar he went to Jemrud and Landikotal where he inspected the fortified heights of which typical example was the Spinatuka Peak, 5,000 feet high, dominating the whole of the Khyber and giving a commanding view far into Afghanistan.

In these fortified zones, the scheme of defence was explained in detail by the officers concerned.

His Excellency also flew to Thal, 50 miles south-east of Kohat and viewed fortifications from Kurram and received a description of the scheme of defence.

From Thal, he flew to Kohat where he met officers of the Royal Air Force at the Kohat Headquarters and also inspected a unit of observer corps.—Reuter.

Italy) will be the keynote of their foreign policy," the Prime Minister said that the Government would strive to expedite solution of the Jewish problem which could be shelved no longer.

The Jews must be prevented forthwith from mixing with the Christian population and from holding key positions in the economic life of the nation.—Reuter.

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INSPIRING EXCHANGE OF ANZAC DAY MESSAGES

INSPIRING MESSAGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE OBSERVANCE OF ANZAC DAY TO-DAY, HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED BY NOTABLE ANZAC LEADERS OF THE LAST WAR.

The most outstanding of these is that sent by the much idolised leader, Lord Birdwood of Anzac, who is known to all "Diggers" as "Birdie."

In a message to Mr. Fadden, acting Prime Minister of Australia he said: "Anzac Day this year will I know bring with it to my old comrades some mixed feelings—feelings of intense and most justifiable pride at the truly magnificent work carried out with almost incredible success by our new Australian Imperial Force comrades and anxiety on the part of those who have near relations once more in close touch with a treacherous enemy."

"We are told we are fighting to maintain democracy in the face of a cruel and totally unjustifiable attack on it by the totalitarian powers, but it goes much deeper than that."

Hitler's Paganism

"We are upholding Christ by the blood of the faithful who have died for Him in the place of a common Christ."

"I have not the least doubt that we shall, even though we face great difficulties and steep roads, may be before us."

"May God bless the people of Australia through everything." Acknowledging Field Marshal Lord Birdwood's message, Mr. Fadden cabled: "Many thanks for your cable which has been communicated to the Federal President of the Returned Soldiers' League—the veterans of the last war. Your old comrades will I am sure greatly appreciate your confidence that complete victory for the Empire cause in the present conflict will be achieved in spite of many grave difficulties and anxieties."

"You Can Never Fail"

Lord Birdwood also telegraphed to Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Blamey, G.O.C. of the A.I.F. in the Middle East: "I indeed am delighted to know that our old Anzac Corps has again been formed as such. Please give kind greetings and every possible good wish for the greatest successes to one and all in the great old Corps throughout whatever may be before you. You can never fail."

Australia's Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, now engaged on the closing stages of his mission in London, cabled General Blamey: "On the anniversary of Anzac Day, I send greetings to you and your gallant men. You are all magnificently carrying on the Anzac tradition of courage in the face of odds, and Australia's history is enriched by your deeds."

Great Confidence

"Accept for yourself congratulations on your appointment as Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Middle East. Our great confidence in you has been more than justified. We are all grateful to you."

Mr. Menzies cabled to Mr. Fadden: "Please convey to the Australian people on this anniversary of Anzac Day that I am proud to be able as Prime Minister to share the emotions of a nation which remembers with pride not only the great service of the Australians in the last war, but the magnificent devotion of our men in this war."

"We must all try to be worthy of their sacrifice. We owe to our fighting men all our support and our undivided efforts." Sir Alexander Godley, commander-in-chief of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the

last war, telegraphed to General Blamey: "May victory rest with you and your gallant troops in the grim struggle which you are waging on Anzac anniversary."—Reuter.

HOTEL MANAGERS TO FEED THE TROOPS

Hotel managers are being called up in an effort to stop food waste and improve messing conditions in the Army. Some of them have had charge of the London hotels. They are being given commissions and appointed catering officers.

They are members of the Officers' Emergency Reserve who had volunteered to undertake this work if called upon and are between thirty-five and fifty-five.

After a brief introduction to Army methods, they will get straight down to their job of looking after the troops' food.

Their appointment follows criticism that food was being thrown away at some barracks and camps.

DANGER (W)AGES

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]

Boys and girls who are earning big wages in war jobs should have some of the money compulsorily saved for them. It would be good for the young people and a source of revenue for the country.

This suggestion is made by social workers and it was discussed by Mr. George Tomlinson, of the Public Morality Council when I saw him.

An instance of the high earnings which youth can command in wartime was given at the Old Bailey when a lad of seventeen was said to be earning £6 a week repairing bombed houses.

£2 A Week Enough

"Two pounds a week or a few shillings over ought to be ample money for any lad of seventeen," Mr. Tomlinson told me. "unless, of course, there were exceptional family circumstances."

"I wish that it were possible for a sufficient sum only to be paid to young people, according to their age, and for the rest of their wages to be held for them, possibly in the form of War Savings Certificates, until they were old enough to appreciate the value of things."

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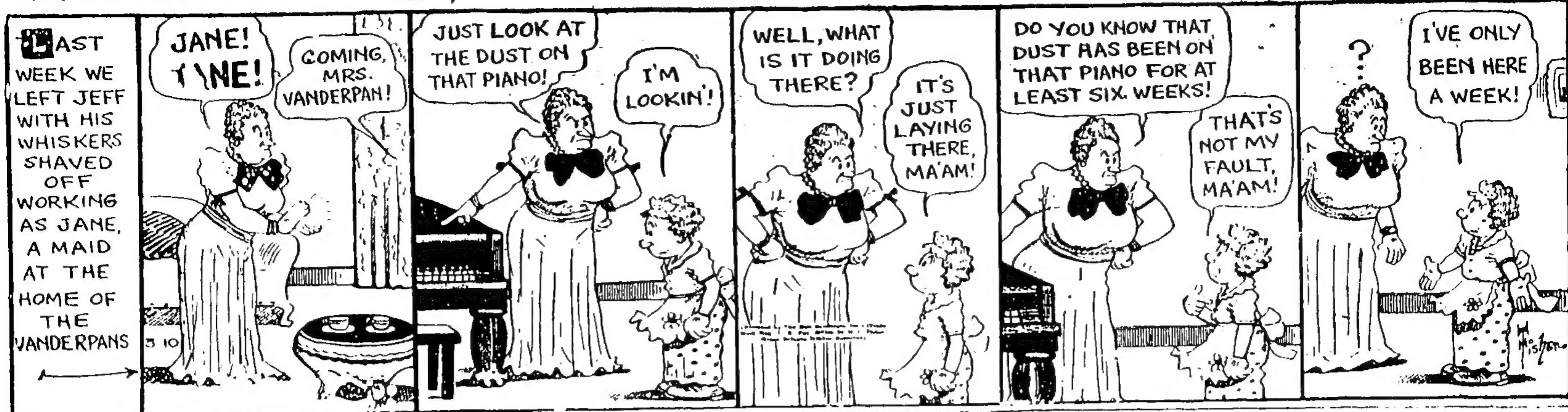


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GAVE UP ALL—EVEN LIFE

A FORTY-TWO YEAR OLD BUILDER WHOSE AMBITION TO BECOME AN R A F PILOT WAS THWARTED BY HIS AGE BUT WHOSE ENTHUSIASM TO FLY FOR HIS COUNTRY LED HIM TO LEAVE A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS TO FERRY PLANES, HAS NOW BEEN KILLED ON GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

He was Mr. Leslie Arthur Phil lips, of Hadley way, Wychamere Hill, London, N., who when he broke out tried to join the R A F as a pilot, but was refused a commission.

For many years he held a civilian pilot's ticket. His flying experience was extensive, and he soon heard of the Air Transport Auxiliary.

A year ago he was accepted as a ferry pilot. He gave up a very successful business, left his family behind, and became a first officer.

His work was to fly new planes for the Ministry of Aircraft Production to R A F stations in all parts of Britain, and he came to love it.

His brother said "Leslie's great desire in life was to fly, and he was thrilled with the job of ferrying planes to the R. A. F."

GERMAN FLYING ACE ESCAPES TO PERU

BARON FRANZ VON WERRA, cocky Nazi flying ace, who escaped from a Canadian internment camp and was captured in New York, has jumped his bail of US\$10,000 and is believed to have escaped to Peru.

The U.S. Attorney-General, Mr. Jackson, revealing the flight, termed his action as "a flagrant abuse of neutral hospitality."

He immediately issued orders to all U.S. immigration authorities to take steps to forestall the possibility of any repetition of the affair in the future.

Suffering from frostbite, his ears and hands bandaged, Baron von Werra, who escaped internment in Canada's frozen north by jumping from a train and crossing into America, was shot down over England in September.

After making cheeky assertions that the German invasion of England would take just about a fortnight he eagerly grabbed the day's newspapers.

What he read did not entirely encourage him.

He was a hero, of course, to German Consulate officials, who posted a bond to procure his bail on charges of entering the country illegally.

But he found Americans curiously antagonistic to him and all his countrymen.

Final Dog-Fight

Von Werra, who claims to have shot down ten Allied planes, did not expect to survive his final dog-fight, which was with a Hurricane 16,000 feet over England.

"Just before I crashed," he said, "I shot down the Hurricane. Both of us started falling together. When I opened my eyes I was lying on the ground twenty-five feet from the burning plane, numb as a stone. I can't explain how I survived."

"They took me to a prison camp in England. One day, with the aid of companions, I tunnelled out under the barrier. After six days' liberty I was recaptured. Then they sent me to a prison camp in Scotland. Again I made plans to get away."

"One day, while taking a twenty-minute stroll in the prison yard, my companions started a fight."

"During the confusion I got outside the barrier and hid in some bushes. I made my way to the Irish Sea coast, and was trying to get to Ireland when I was nabbed again."

"I was then shipped to Canada with other German airmen. Word got round on the train bringing us from Halifax that we were being taken to the Hudson Bay area."

The Word "Go"!

"There were twenty-five of us in the coach and three guards. Three of my companions agreed to watch the three guards. The moment one of them looked in another direction the one watching him was to shout 'Go.'"

"When the signal came I pushed myself through the window head first and landed on a snow bank."

"Then I began hitch-hiking towards the border."

After his arrest in New York, von Werra turned down the services of a Jewish attorney who made him an offer for fun.

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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Group of tents
- 5 To allow
- 8 Small bunch
- 12 Cry of the Bacchanals
- 13 Yellow bugle
- 14 Prefix: against
- 15 Husk
- 16 Dignified
- 18 Border
- 19 Paid notice
- 20 Brief
- 21 Poetic: over
- 23 Printers' measures
- 25 Pair
- 27 French river
- 29 Jewel
- 33 Brought forth
- 35 To decline
- 37 Profound
- 38 Short jacket
- 40 Tatter
- 41 Rowing implement
- 42 Split pulse
- 44 Tilled land
- 46 White
- 50 To urge
- 53 To evidence

- 55 Direct descent
- 56 Fresh-water porpoise
- 57 Sunken fence
- 58 Heraldic device
- 59 Stream
- 60 God of war
- 61 Belgian river

VERTICAL

- 1 Chinese wax
- 2 Eager
- 3 Snake-killing ichneumon
- 4 River in N. Carolina
- 5 Peruvian capital

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MUNITIONS MAY BE SENT TO NEUTRALS

NAZIS' RACKET IN FRANCE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT issued a proclamation on April 11 removing the combat zone at the entrance to the Red Sea so as to allow American merchant ships to carry supplies to Egypt and the Suez Canal. Whether war materials can be sent is under study by Attorney General Jackson.

Soon after the President rescinded his proclamation of June 11, 1940, establishing "a combat zone" at the mouth of the Red Sea, it was learned that the thirty-nine Danish ships recently seized, and destined to become a permanent part of the American merchant fleet as soon as enabling legislation is passed by Congress, will be put in the supply service to Suez soon with their Danish crews.

It may be that the vessels will be moved to the West Coast so that they can sail immediately with food and perhaps armaments for the British forces after Congress acts upon President Roosevelt's request.

In addition, Maritime Commission officials said that existing trade routes from New York to the vicinity of the Red Sea would make it possible to send more than twenty American vessels monthly to Suez ports without diverting ships from present trade routes. If German and Italian ships taken into protective custody are put permanently under the American flag they, too, may go into this service.

Navy Cleared Area

The President's proclamation, opening the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, was issued after the British had captured the port of Massawa and overcome all but scattered Italian resistance in East Africa.

The action will make it possible for the United States to aid Britain in the task of feeding and, possibly, maintaining armed equipment for empire armies in and near Egypt, which Mr. Churchill indicated was endangered by Nazi advances. It may make possible the releasing of British ships for other services.

Mr. Roosevelt explained in a press conference that while shipment of armaments to belligerents in American bottoms was prohibited by the Neutrality Act, shipments could be made to neutrals such as Egypt. The executive said it could be debated whether the Neutrality Act permitted shipments to neutrals of munitions intended for a belligerent, but indicated that he intended to go ahead with the plan outlined above by remarking that we don't buy headaches unless we have to. The developments followed closely upon the President's announcement of an agreement with the Danish Minister under which the United States will protect Greenland, Denmark's North Atlantic island colony, and will be able to establish air and other bases there.

New Moves Predicted

That this series of far-reaching steps will be followed by other significant moves is regarded as likely in Washington. The President said again, however, there was no official thought of transferring additional destroyers to Britain for the time being. The only alternative, officials state privately, is American escorts for convoys if war supplies are to be carried safely across the Atlantic.

Mr. Roosevelt said the first he had heard of the possibility of asking legislation to modify the Neutrality Act and permit American ships to put into Halifax was in a newspaper report. He conceded that he would soon see Sir Arthur Salter, special British shipping envoy, and characterized as hypothetical a question as to whether he would consider such a plan if Sir Arthur proposed it.

In explaining his action in eliminating the combat zone stretching from Italian Somaliland to Arabia, Mr. Roosevelt said it would take out a stopper which had prevented entry of American ships into the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea.

Egypt

Asked if the Suez Canal remained in a combat zone, the Executive said that it did not, but that the Mediterranean did. It made little difference, he added, whether United States ships landed supplies at Ismailia or Port Said since a railroad ran from Ismailia to the Mediterranean port.

Asked whether shipment of war materials to a belligerent in American ships was permissible even if a combat zone did not exist, Mr. Roosevelt replied shipments could not be made to a belligerent but could to a neutral power.

"Like Egypt?" a reporter asked. The President replied in the affirmative. American vessels could carry war supplies to a neutral anywhere over the high seas as distinguished from closed combat zones. They were not barred from carrying them to Buenos Aires, for instance.

"Under the Neutrality Act arms could not be shipped to a neutral for transshipment to a belligerent, could they?" a reporter asked. The President at first said he did not know. Immediately thereafter he said the query brought up the question of continuous shipments and that, if the reporter read the five volumes of John Bassett Moore (authority on international law) he would find that the United States had been on all sides of that question.

"Will that question be explored?" the reporter persisted.

No Headaches

It was then that Mr. Roosevelt said that we don't buy headaches unless we have to do so. In the afternoon, nevertheless, the President conferred with Attorney General Jackson, who said, on leaving the White House, that legal experts were studying the Neutrality Act to determine whether Mr. Roosevelt's proclamation would permit shipment of war supplies to the Red Sea area.

Other officials said that some American supplies for the British had been going through the Persian Gulf to Basra, from which they had been carried on motor trucks through Trans-Jordan. Establishment of a government in Iraq, thought in some quarters to be pro-Nazi, has endangered this route.

Startling revelations on German financial manipulations in France — which it is said here may necessitate a revision of the Anglo-American policy toward the Vichy government — are made by the "Financial News," London's most influential financial newspaper.

Paul Einzig, economic expert of the newspaper, points out that the Bank of France's legal limit for special advances to the Vichy government to pay for German occupation costs has been raised from 85,000,000,000 to 100,000,000,000 francs, an increase which will provide sufficient cash to pay the Germans until the end of April.

Marshal Petain, the writer says, agreed to pay the Germans 400,000,000 francs to cover daily occupation costs, but the cost is averaging only 125,000,000. The balance of 275,000,000 francs is being paid to the account of Germany in the Bank of France, Einzig says.

Though the German troops "may wallow in champagne and feast on every conceivable delicacy of the French culinary art," they are unable to spend 275,000,000 francs daily. Hence a big balance is accumulating to their credit in the Bank of France, the economic expert contends.

The Germans are using the credit balance to purchase a controlling interest in many vital French industries, the prices paid being 10 and 20 per cent above the last share quotations on the Stock Exchange, the article contends.

If the owners refuse to sell at any price, the Germans threaten to prevent operation of factories by withholding raw materials. The Germans also are using these funds to purchase colonial products from Africa. As a result the Germans are spending plentifully.

German brokers assertedly are being instructed to gobble up every share offered for sale regardless of price. Government bonds in turn are used as a security for further advances to the Germans from the Bank of France.

The vicious circle, according to Einzig, means that France is in throes of non-stop inflation, which soon will render effective price control impossible. This control soon will be in German hands again, because the Germans are able to buy up everything in France for a song.

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When war began the German Army held an advantage over us in camouflage. Now we have caught up. In some ways we are ahead of them.

Among our specialists are a primary lesson. He sees how birds practically disappear from sight when they settle instinctively in natural cover, how moths with certain markings on their wings always alight crossways on a bough, how some animals sit or lie in such a way that they cover their own shadow.

One small model shows how the dark patches provided by the open backs of parked lorries reveal their presence to the enemy.

Another lesson is: Avoid light colours.

Allenby used dummy pack mules in the last war? Perhaps in this war we have used dummy tanks in the Near East. It is a bad look-out for the enemy who mistakes the real thing for a dummy.

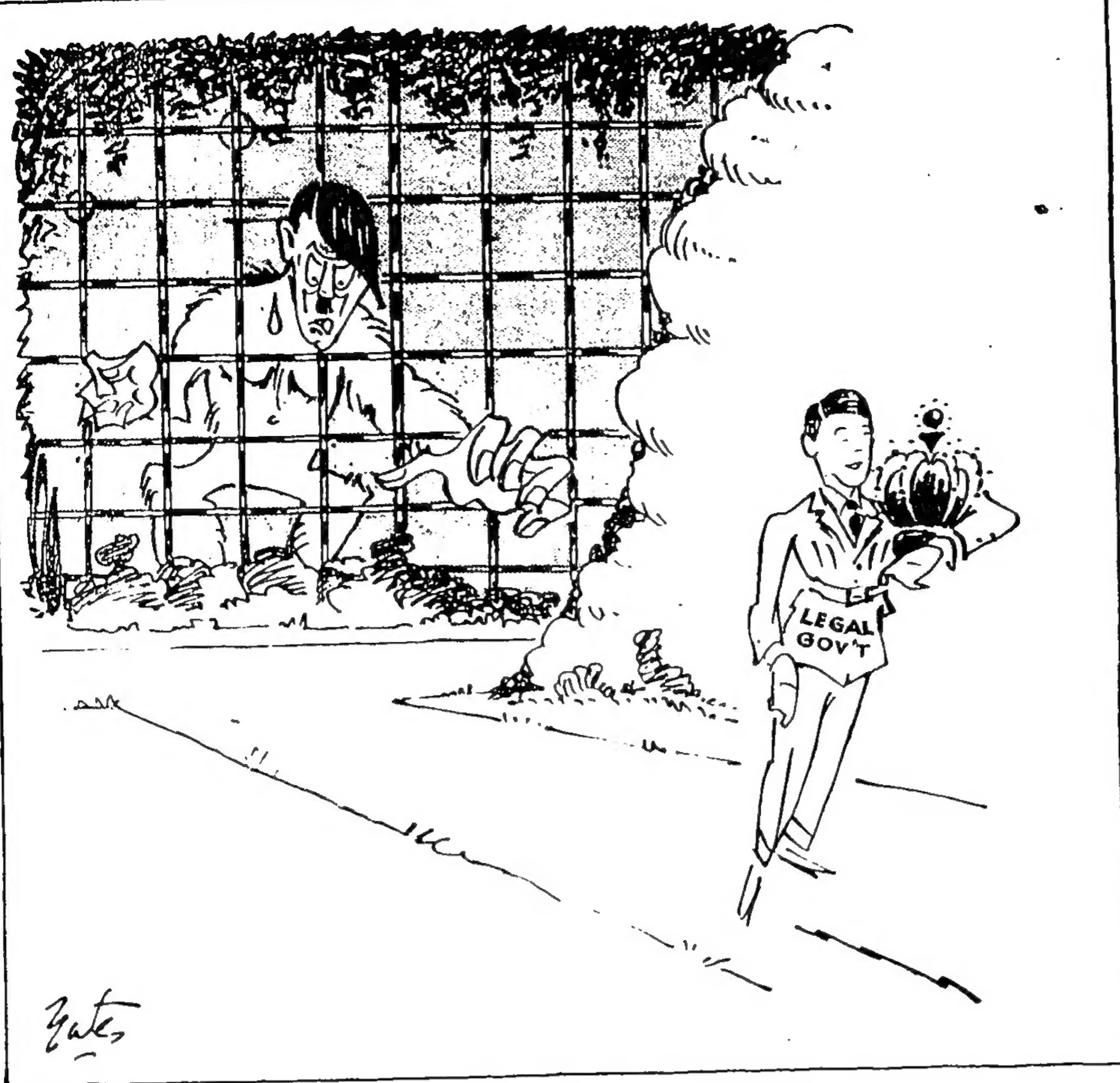
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FURY OF THE AIR WAR

The finer nights of spring in Western Europe have seen the opening of new air offensives on both sides, and on a scale which foreshows the ghastly nature of the struggle to be waged during the coming months. Both Britain and Germany have been gathering their bombing strength during the winter, improving their defences, and generally preparing for the intensified air warfare now begun. What surprises the Nazis may have in store we do not know, but, immense as their aircraft production is known to be, it is certain that they will not enjoy this year some of the advantages which they possessed last autumn. Then, the Luftwaffe was so confident of its strength that it sought to over-power the British Fighter Command by sheer weight of numbers. Never since the great battles of August and September has it dared to renew the mass day raids which the R.A.F. broke to pieces. The spring offensive has started with a continuance of night bombing, but the Germans can no longer rely upon relative immunity for their bombers flying high in the darkness and scattering explosives more or less indiscriminately on selected cities. Recent attacks have shown that British ground defences have improved, and that the night fighter is a weapon to be reckoned with. The raids cannot be checked, but they can be made more costly; and, most important of all, Britain's power to hit back has grown materially, in weight and range, since large-scale raiding began.

Whereas Germany has varied her air tactics almost from month to month, searching for the weak places in the defences and trying to break down British resistance, the R.A.F. Bomber Command has struck unceasingly at the sources of enemy military power. Some of its resources have had to be spared for the almost continuous hammering of the "invasion ports" and other objectives in German-occupied territory, but the raids into Germany, scientifically and resolutely conducted, have throughout had definite military objectives. Other considerations apart, there has been no surplus strength to spare for "reprisals" as such. But it is evident from the opening rounds of the new campaign, that Ger-



PRISONER OF ANOTHER "VICTORY."

General Sir Archibald Wavell, K.C.B.

If you remember a film called "A Yank at Oxford," you will forgive if I paraphrase from memory. The American is in the train on his way to Oxford for his first term. Opposite him is sitting what eventually, though neither knows it, turns out to be his future tutor.

"You could take the whole of these islands," says the Yank, "and put them seven times over into the state of Kansas."

"Doubtless," replies the Professor, puffing his pipe, "but with what object?"

The tutor in that film, insofar as he was continually making

this sort of remark, might have been modelled on General Wavell.

This type of mind cannot be called witty or humorous. But the devastating common-sense that emanates from it, just at the right moment, is so rare in this age of muddled thinking, that it comes like a refreshing breeze and makes you laugh.

It is very peculiarly English. So much so that only we have a word for it, and the word is "droll." In order to display this

By The Marquess Of Donegall

faculty to its full advantage it is usual to feign denseness or slow thinking. Then, when no one is expecting it, you hit the nail right on the head with shattering precision.

General Wavell does not have to feign anything: whether it is strategy, hunting, shooting, skiing or fishing, his mind just works like that. He always does the thing that was utterly obvious — so obvious that to most people, it comes completely unexpectedly.

The only excuse for the following story is that it is true. Also it is typical of Wavell.

In the early days of the campaign now turned in our favour, the Italians were about to occupy Sidi Barrani. At a General Staff Conference, Wavell's officers had decided that the natural wells must be blown up before the Italians occupied the town.

"Just a minute, Gentlemen," said Wavell, and asked for the Chief Commissariat Officer, who duly arrived. Wavell asked him whether the wells were used for our troops. He was informed that owing to the highly aperient nature of the water they had only been used for medicinal purposes. Wavell sent for the chief Medical Officer.

"How much Epsom Salts have you got?" he asked. He was told that there was 40 tons and that only 10 tons were needed as a reserve.

"All right, Gentlemen," said Wavell, "there is your answer. Don't blow the wells up. Put thirty tons of Epsom Salts into them."

Again, when they evacuated Derna, the Italians, instead of laying a pipe-line to Benghazi, brought a lot of new-fangled distilling machines on lorries and proceeded to distil sea water for drinking purposes.

The R.A.F. soon discovered this and not unnaturally wanted to blow them all sky-high.

"Please don't do that," said Wavell at a meeting with the R.A.F. Chiefs, "at least not until I ask you to. If you do the enemy will only lay a pipe-line. Meantime, I suggest you make triplicate certain that you can blow the whole lot up at a minute's notice."

The result, of course, was that the R.A.F. blew them up just as our troops were to attack. The enemy had no time to lay a pipe-line and no choice but to surrender or run, thirst-maddened, to Benghazi. That's the beauty of Wavell. It's all so simple but the difficulty is to think of it.

Sir Archibald Wavell is a scholar of Winchester—the most difficult school in England at which to achieve a scholarship. His chief reading is military history and he wrote a famous biography of Lord Allenby.

In this biography there occurs a significant passage bearing on the recent rout of the Italians from Derna and Benghazi. Allenby had routed the Turks in 1918. The passage runs, quoting Allenby as saying:—

"In pursuit you must always stretch possibilities to the limit. Troops having beaten the enemy will want to rest. They must be given as objectives not those that you think they will reach, but the farthest they could possibly reach."

Has not Wavell been practising precisely what Allenby preached and he recorded?

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WORKING FOR three hours, though seriously injured, to save several people trapped in a tunnel, which collapsed under a heavy bomb, has won a George Medal for a doctor, one of fourteen more civilian heroes to receive the award.

He ignored warnings that more of the tunnel was falling, and stayed with a partly-buried man.

Two women are also awarded the medal in the latest list published in the "London Gazette."

Dr Malcolm Manson, Medical Officer at Wood Green, London, N., arrived within a few minutes of the bombing of the tunnel and immediately led the rescue work.

He was lying full length on the heap, trying to release a partly-buried man, when the look-out man shouted, "Run for it!" But the doctor stayed. There was a large fall of clay, and he was struck by a large piece full in the back.

Partly buried, he had to be dragged out, feet foremost, but after resting for a few minutes, and though seriously injured and in severe pain, he carried on with the work.

Dr Manson, middle-aged, won the M.C. in the last war.

Arm Broken, Worked On

Acting Sub-Officer Leslie Jack Hall, of Barking, Essex, Fire Brigade, was on his way to a fire with a lorry and 19-cwt trailer pump during a severe day raid in September, when the lorry was blown up by a bomb.

His arm was fractured, but he disconnected the trailer pump from the overturned lorry and, with one arm useless, hauled it three-quarters of a mile to a blazing building with another fireman to help him.

He said nothing of his injury, and for six hours played water on to the flames.

It was announced that he had been awarded the M.B.E. The two women are a Coventry nurse and a W.V.S. worker in London. Another, organiser of Coventry W.V.S., Mrs. Pearl Marguerite Hyde, is made a member of the civil division of the Order of the British Empire.

Bombs All Round

The nurse, Miss Marjorie Eileen Perkins, in charge of a works

surgery, attended casualties at the works, in the nearby streets and at a public shelter a short distance away throughout an intensive air raid.

Twice she was flung across the surgery by blast, the first time being injured internally and the second time being knocked unconscious.

After recovering consciousness, although in pain, she carried on. Miss Grace Rattenbury, in addition to being a member of the W.V.S. is organiser of the Invalid Children's Aid Association.

She drove a W.V.S. van in a "shuttle" service from a wharf to a first-aid rest and feeding centre until the last woman and child had been moved from the danger zone.

The road was extremely dangerous owing to fire, bomb craters and a delayed action.

Three Metropolitan policemen, who burrowed under bomb wreckage to bring out casualties receive the George Medal. They are Special Constable Frederick Charles Ahmond, Special Constable Graham Deacon, and P.C. Stanley William Johnson.

FORD VICTORY

A 1941 Ford Super Deluxe sedan swept to a decisive victory in its price class in this year's G.M. Grand Canyon economy classic in the United States.

Not only did the new Ford's mark of 23.05 actual miles per U.S. gallon (27.64 miles per Imperial gallon) enable it easily to win the Class "B" championship, but it also surpassed the record of many cars equipped with over-drive.

Trailing far behind the Ford in its price class, according to official American Automobile Association contest figures, was a second volume production car, which averaged 21.71 miles per U.S. gallon (26.03 miles per Imperial gallon) in the long, gruelling 595-mile course.

It was the fourth consecutive year that Ford has proved victor over other leading volume production cars in its price class.

Virtually the entire run, which was closely supervised from start to finish by A.A.A. officials, was completed under adverse weather conditions. Strong winds, particularly on the three high mountain passes crossed during the 14-consecutive hour run, buffeted the entries. In addition, ice, snow and slush were encountered as the cars headed into the last 100 miles of the course.

Despite these handicaps to maximum economy, the Ford refused only once on the entire trip.

BLOWS, NOT FINANCE, WILL CRACK HITLER

"Do not think that Germany will break on some financial rock," said Captain Colin Coote, foreign correspondent, in a B.B.C. broadcast last night.

"Germany's trouble will not be to find money, but to find supplies. When her military machine cracks, all will crack. But the military machine will have to crack first."

Captain Coote said that Hitler introduced "war finance" — including barter — five years before starting the war. Now he had added loot to barter.

TROOPS' WHITE FEATHERS

The "white feather" maniacs of the last war are busy again in this one — and in an unexpected quarter.

British soldiers garrisoned in Iceland are infuriated by a queer campaign, originating in Britain, imputing cowardice and "featheriness" to the men on guard in the island of the Far North.

The campaign has gone so far that men of the Iceland force are receiving white feathers by post.

They are also being accused of being evasive, and of living in security and ease while people at home are suffering from Blitz conditions.

Here is an extract from a letter to his parents in London by a sapper in the Royal Engineers in Iceland.

Soon Found Out

"I hear there is a lot of trouble going on at home in regard to the troops in Iceland. Some soldiers who have just come here cheered when they landed.

"When we asked them why, they told us they had heard at home that we are having the time of our lives. But they soon found out the truth.

"Think of the chaps at an outpost miles from anywhere and no news, surrounded with lava rock and mountains. Look what a lovely time they are having!

"A couple of chaps have received white feathers. Some who have gone home have been insulted by being called evasive."

The insinuations against the Iceland troops have aroused the indignation of "The Midnight Sun," the soldiers' own newspaper.

Duty To Obey

In an article entitled "White Feather?" it says:

"Some members of H.M. Forces in Iceland have been stung to the quick by idle insinuations.

"Unthinking rumour has drawn a scornful contrast between the perils of Great Britain and the safety of Iceland, the 'up and at 'em' in Libya and the 'bobby's job' here.

"Such rumours are malicious and the very marrow of enemy propaganda.

"A soldier's first duty is to obey. He is prepared equally to rush in to the cannon's mouth at Bardia or nurse patience in Iceland."

"DEAR QUEEN—"

The Queen has received a letter from an ordinary New York housewife, Mrs. John F. Joyce, who lives in the homely residential quarter called the Bronx.

Mrs. Joyce is the woman who won the raffle for the gold-&-enamel cigarette-case sent to America by the Queen.

Her husband is Irish. He, she, their 22-year-old son, are all keenly pro-British.

Her letter to the Queen says:—

"When I saw your Majesties at the World's Fair, I never dreamed I would sometime have in my possession a present selected by your Majesty personally. Every-

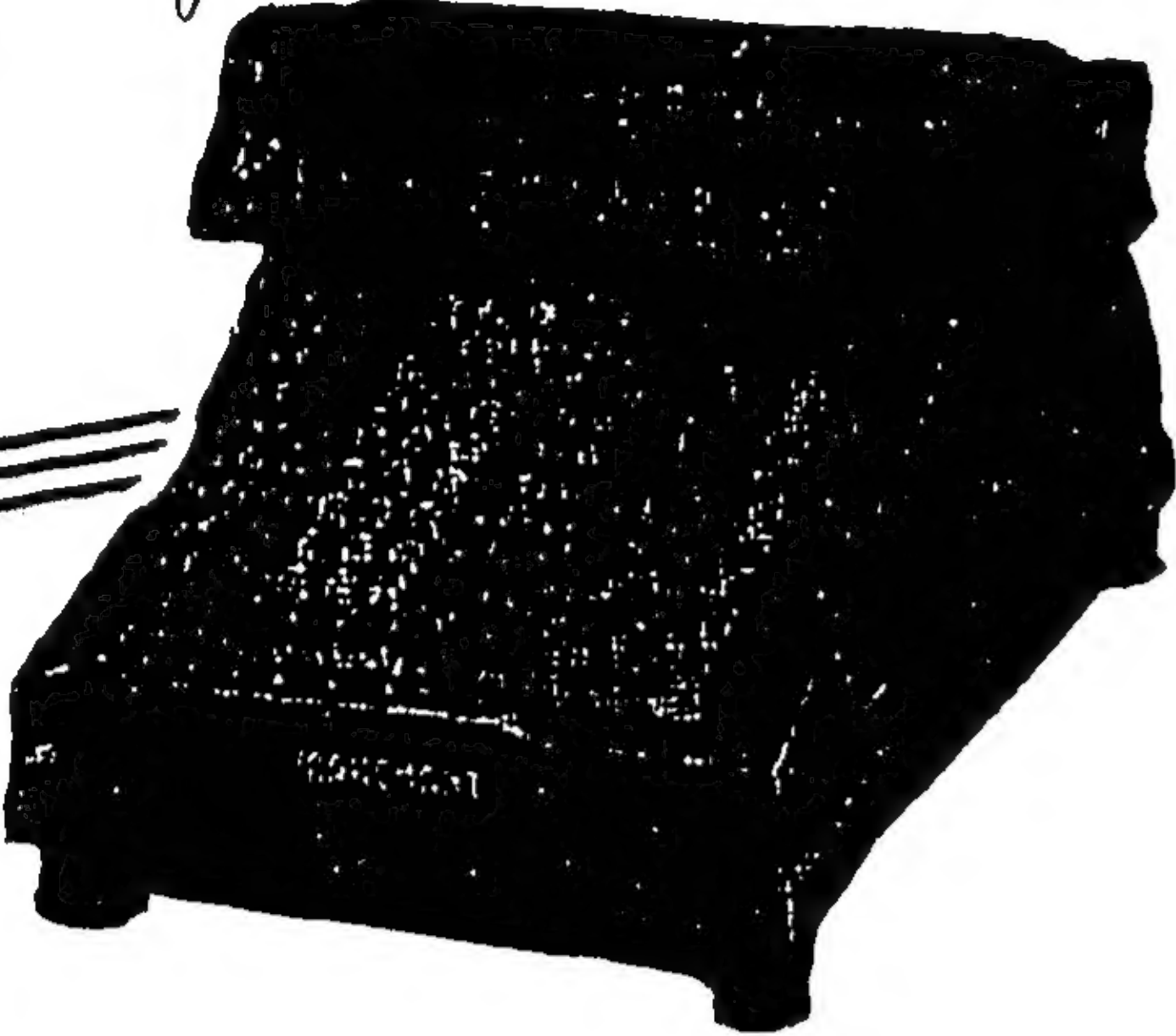
one who saw you here in America loved you. . . . We in America are deeply touched by the gallant fight your people are making. . . . I remain, with greatest respect, "Gladys W. Joyce."

Mrs. Joyce had three dollar tickets in the raffle. She "knew" she was going to win it, having found a 5-leaf clover some time before and given it away quickly, apparently a lucky thing to do.

The cigarette-case travelled from Washington to New York by armoured car. Mrs. Joyce at first kept it under her pillow, then in a hatbox, then behind the kitchen stove; has now lent it for exhibition; refuses to sell it.

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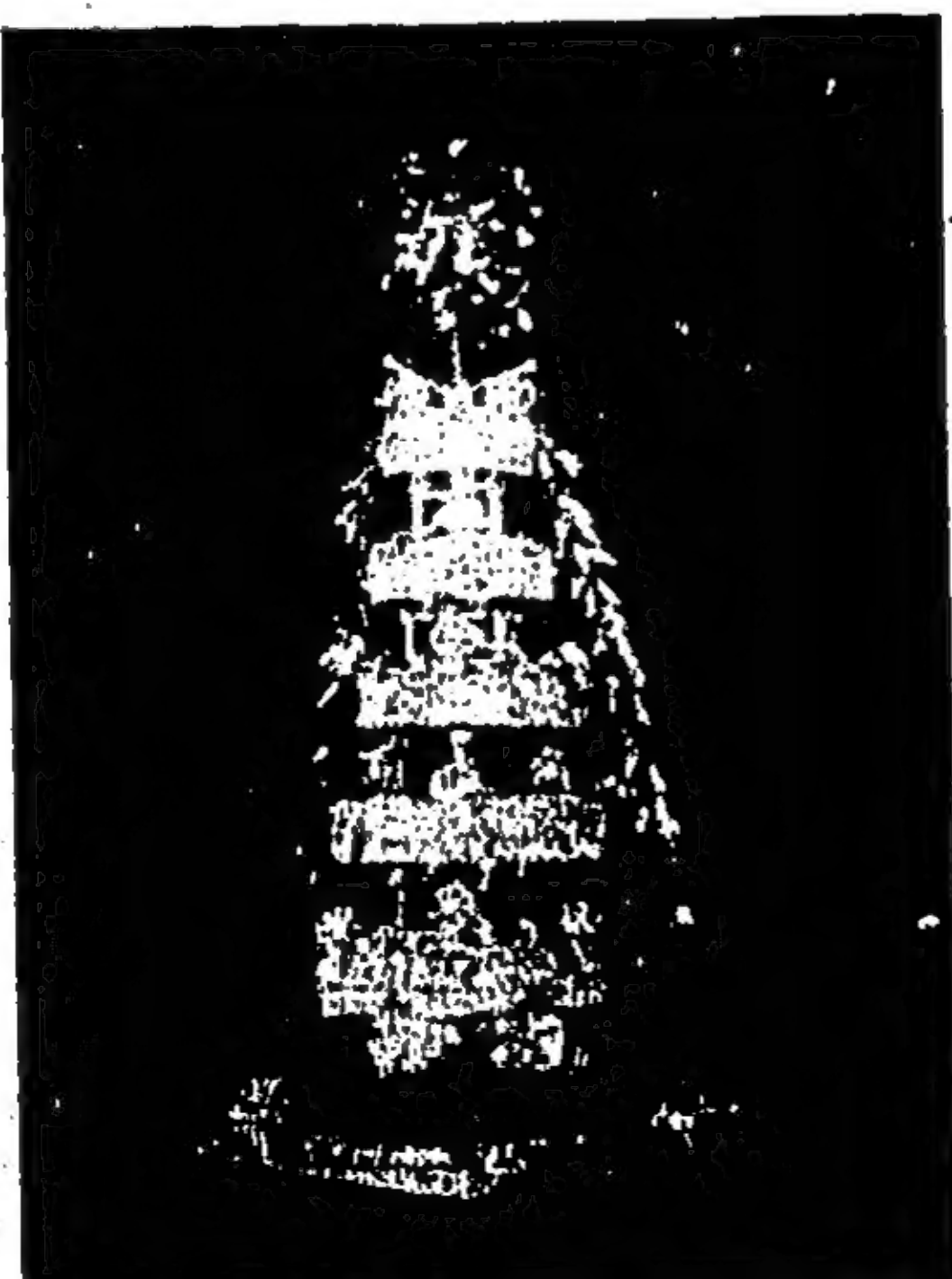
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DIRECT HIT ON GERMAN BATTLE-CRUISER

THE LATEST LIST of R.A.F. awards reveals that one of the German battle-cruisers "Gneisenau" and "Scharnhorst" sheltering at Brest, has suffered a direct hit this month — and with an "extremely heavy bomb."

The airman who achieved this and wins the D.F.C. is 20-years-old Pilot Officer G. R. Ross of R.A.F.V.R. His rear gunner, a New Zealander, Sergeant K. I. Street, gains the D.F.M.

"Flying over the target area at a low altitude," states the official report, "Ross located the objectives and in the face of intense, concentrated anti-aircraft fire and searchlights descended to 1,000 feet, scoring a direct hit on one of the ships with an extremely heavy bomb."

During the attack Sergeant Street coolly directed machine-gun fire against the searchlights and succeeded in extinguishing many, thus assisting his captain greatly during the hazardous part of the attack.

Resolute Attack

Another resolute attack on the same two ships during the month gains the D.F.C. for Pilot Officer R. Wareing, R.A.F.V.R.

Wareing, according to the official account, came down to 1,000 feet but owing to the darkness he was short of the target. He was met by a terrific A.A. barrage and searchlights. Despite this, he pressed on but was unable to identify his target.

Undaunted, he decided to make another attack and regaining height flew over the target area for about 40 minutes and finally made a successful attack on one of the ships, dropping an extremely heavy bomb which was seen to burst either on the ship or on the dockside British Wireless.

NAZI FORCE IN TRIPOLI

The Nazis have moved another motorised division across to Tripoli within the last week, according to the military commentator of the newspaper "PM."

He quotes "previously unpublished information" as warrant for the statement.

He estimates that the Germans now have a total of two panzer and four motorised divisions in North Africa, with anti-aircraft troops, and he puts the strength of the German Army in North Africa at between 85,000 and 90,000 men.

The commentator adds that the remnants of Marshal Graziani's army is believed to total 50,000 men.—Reuter.

POPE'S PEACE MESSAGE

His Holiness the Pope, in a letter to the Papal Secretary, Cardinal Maglione, exhorts the faithful this year to pray to the Holy Mother for "the restoration of peace inspired by justice and charity such as would renew brotherly feelings between nations."—Reuter.

TRANSPORT SAILS

The United States troops transport "Republic" which arrived in Manila three days ago with more than 2,000 troops, sailed for an unknown destination yesterday. It is believed that the vessel will call at Davao to load a cargo of hemp.—Reuter.

U-BOAT SINKS FREIGHTER SOUTH OF AZORES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The British steamer "Penhale" has arrived at Recife, Brazil, with 39 survivors, including Captain Thomas, of the 3,000-ton British freighter "Eskdene," which was recently sunk by a German submarine south of the Azores.

International News Service.

ALLEGED U.S. NOTE FORGERIES

At the request of Det-Sgt. J. Allan, Chu Kam-chung, 33, was remanded for three days by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at Kowloon this morning, when charged with uttering a forged \$100-note of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco; and with possession of a forged \$20-note of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

RAID ON DAIRY FARM BRANCH

Goods to the value of \$332 were stolen from the Dairy Farm premises at No. 78, Nathan Road, Kowloon, during the early hours of yesterday morning, according to a report made to the Police by Mr. J. Wolfe.

he said, and concluded with an appeal to the country to sink any political differences to dispose of Australia's forces and strength in such a way as to provide the maximum war effort. Reuter.

NO GROUND FOR HOPE

Despite the Anzac's heroism and the enemy's heavy losses, there is no ground for hoping that the fighting in Greece can take a turn to our advantage, Mr. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister, declared in a statement to the press yesterday.

We are seeing the last stages of a very gallant rear-guard action.

INDIAN CHARGED WITH MURDER

AN INDIAN WATCHMAN, Bawa Singh, employed at the godowns of Messrs. Arnold and Company, Toikwawan Road, was this morning charged before the Chief Justice, S'r Atholl MacGregor, with murder.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector A. E. Carey, was for the prosecution, while accused was represented by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. W. Brown.

The jury was composed of Messrs. E. V. Searle, (foreman), A. A. Barros, Tsui Wai-sun, Pei Min-shun, Leung Pui-hing, Boris Jernakoff and Kwok Che-choy.

Mr. Murphy said that accused on March 3 at about 11 p.m. arrived at Hung Hom police station, out of breath and covered with blood stains. He reported that he had heard the cries of a woman in Tokwawan Road, had run to the spot, and found a woman lying on the road on her face. He told the police he saw three men run away. He took the woman in his arms and carried her to the pavement and washed her wounds from a stream.

He did not mention that he knew the woman. At the station, he was asked if he had left the woman alone and, after some hesitation, said that a crowd had gathered.

Crying For Help

Sergeant Haynes was sent and found a woman sitting on the pavement, leaning against a wall. She was the only person in a deserted place. She was crying for help. She was taken to hospital and died on March 6.

Police, examining the scene later, found a pig-tail on the roadway and a trail of blood leading to the landing of a house where cries had previously been heard by some people.

When questioned, accused denied that he was the woman's master. When charged with wounding, he said that on March 3 he was building his hut. He had no enmity against her and had he wounded her he would not have gone to the Police station.

In a statement in the Lower Court, he said he saw the woman lying in the road and carried her to the side. He asked her who wounded her and she told him she did not know. He had tried to save her life.

Evidence would show that deceased lived in accused's hut and that on the night in question he was wearing a turban and a coat as described by a witness who saw an Indian and a woman in the street.

It would also be shown that the bloodstains could not have come about as the result of the part accused said he played in this tragic case. There were cuts on accused which could have been caused by a struggle.

Lack Of Civic Duty

Mr. Murphy regretted the lack of civic duty on the part of witnesses as there was no-one who would come and say that this was the man who attacked the woman.

Mr. Murphy said accused's story was not a probable one and the Crown case was that he was responsible for the wounding. He submitted that the jury could not reconcile his story with the known facts and suggested that, on that rainy night, in a deserted place, accused who, for some motive, wanted to injure the woman, was the only person who could be responsible.

Dr. E. L. Gosano, in charge of the Kowloon Mortuary, described 18 wounds on the woman's face, neck and head and said that the cause of death was multiple injuries and haemorrhage with associated shock.

In reply to Mr. Murphy, witness said that the wounds were caused by a sharp instrument. The instrument had to be fairly heavy or the blows forcible as with a light instrument. The case is proceeding.



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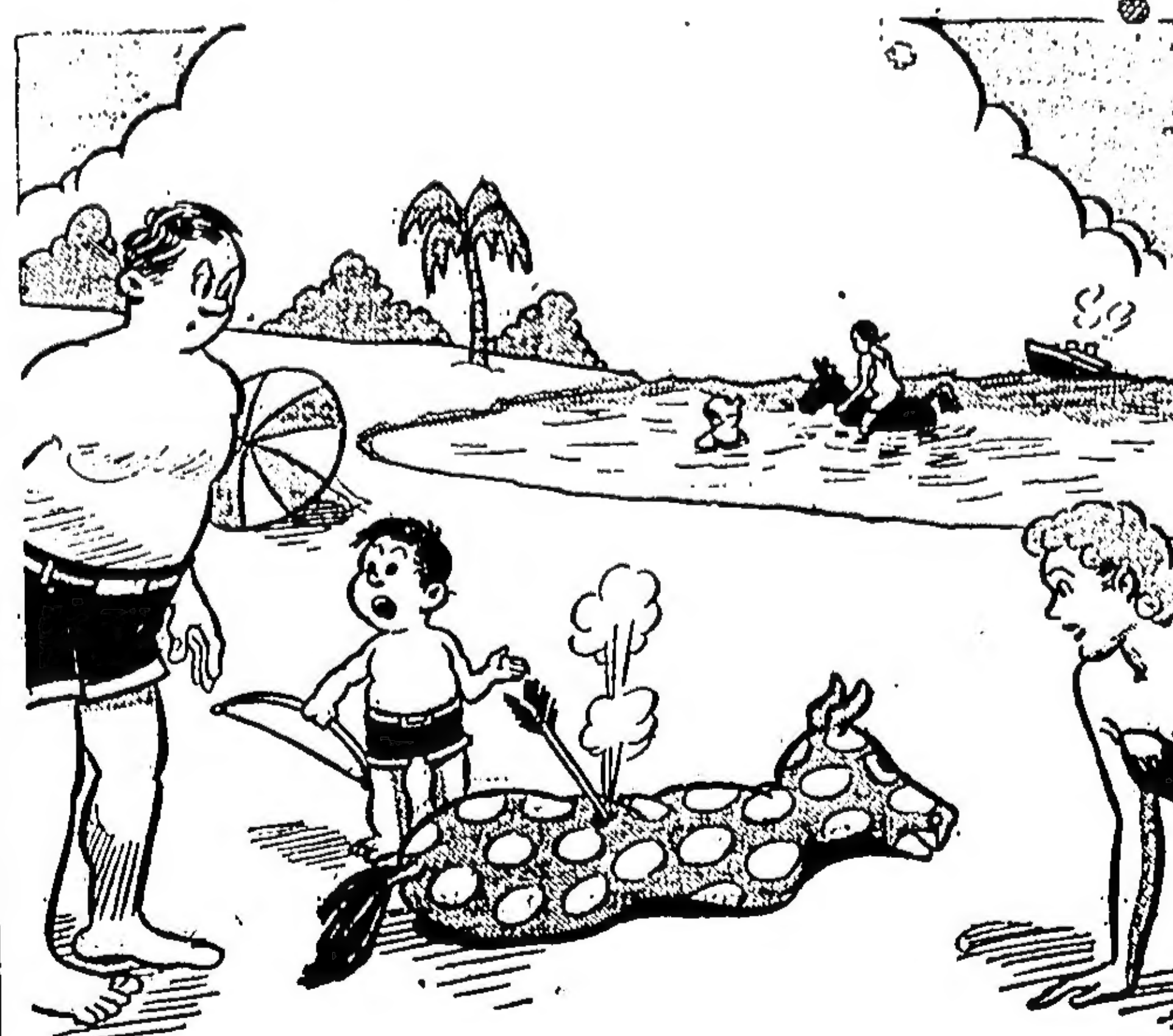
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NO. 40

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North South vulnerable

♠ J 8 7 3
♥ K 6 3
♦ A Q J 7
♣ 9 8
♠ K 6
♥ 10 9 8 5
♦ 4
♣ K 4
♠ 5 2
♥ 7 2
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ 4 2
N
W
E
S
♠ A Q 10 9 4
♥ A Q J
♦ 10 5 2
♣ A J

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the ten of hearts, and dummy won with the King to return the seven of spades for a trump finesse. West won with the King of spades and returned the nine of hearts, South winning with the Queen. Declarer drew trumps and led the ten of diamonds. West covered with the King of diamonds, and dummy won with the Ace. South then ran the rest of his trumps and he remaining top heart, declaring a club from dummy. But East held on doggedly to all his diamonds, and South had to give up a club at the end to West's Queen. A brutal crime has taken place, fellow members of the homicide squad. See if you can spot it before you read on.

South was the criminal, and his crime consisted in leading the ten of diamonds! Granted that he had to win the diamond finesse to make the slam, but that was still no reason to lead the ten. Correct play is to lead a low diamond, and finesse dummy's Jack. When that holds, South returns to his hand via the heart Ace to lead the other low diamond. As it happens, West would have to play his King, whereupon dummy takes the Ace and returns the low diamond to South's ten. Then dummy is put in with a trump to cash the diamond Queen, allowing South to discard the losing club.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 10 7 6
♥ Q 5 4
♦ 6
♣ K J 9 8 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Hehenken	Van	Malen
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two clubs. Your hand is too strong for a raise to two spades and not strong enough for a raise to three spades. You should therefore temporise by bidding your clubs.

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Question No. 699

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Hehenken	Van	Malen
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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The Board of Administrators of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, Hong Kong and South China Branch, has recently made the following grants:

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By "Strike"

Probably the finest Duck Pin Match that has ever been decided in these Alleys was played off on April 14, when the Tulsa team met and defeated the Royal Corps of Signals by 104 pins, the scores being, U.S.S. Tulsa 2025, Royal Corps of Signals 1921.

Bellor for Tulsa was the star bowler of the match. He made a brilliant 540, or an average of 108 pins per game, and also bagged the highest individual score with 127 in his third game. He also scored 111 in his first game and 124 in the last.

Second top score was registered by Signallman S. H. Neate for Royal Signals, whose total of 511 gave him an average of slightly over 102 per game. Vasko, Drewes, and Nichoff for Tulsa all bowled very well indeed, there being scarcely any difference in their scores at the end of the match.

Close Scores

Vasko totalled 497, or an average of 99.4 pins per game, and Drewes was very close behind with 495 or an average of exactly 99 pins per game, while Nichoff put up 493 or an average of 98.6 pins per game.

It can, therefore, be understood how close it was between the three players mentioned. The same could be said about Birkett, Hall and Cleggett of the Signals, their three scores being very close, Birkett bagging 479, Hall 472 and Cleggett 459.

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scores of 100 or over, there being no fewer than 19. This is the highest number of scores of 100 and over ever registered in these Alleys.

The Tulsa bagged eleven of them, Bellor (3), Nichoff registered (3), Drewes (2), and Vasko (3).

Neate (4), Hall (2), Birkett and Cleggett were the three-figure merchants for Signals.

The total aggregate score for Tulsa, 2025, is the highest score ever put up for a five game match.

Although Bellor's score was a brilliant one, it was not the record for the Alleys. On looking back through my records I find that there was actually four scores of over 550 for five games each. They were:

14/8/40 Corp. H. Blount 553 average 110.6
 24/10/40 Corp. J. H. Watts 551 average 110.2
 12/12/39 J. A. Vasko 551 average 110.2
 17/4/40 D. M. Keplinger 550 average 110.

Jockey Club Match

There was a very interesting Ten Pin match played on April 21, the occasion being a challenge between various members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, styled Jockey Club "A" Team and Jockey Club "B" Team.

Corp J. H. Watts substituted for J. Walker, of the Jockey Club, who was unable to play.

It was a close finish, "B" team just managing to win by 19 pins. It was originally intended that

five games should be played, but owing to lack of time only four games were finished.

The following were the scores: Jockey Club "B" 1893
 Jockey Club "A" 1874
 Corp. Watts romped home by a "several lengths" lead, to make top score with 716 or an average of 179 pins per game for the four games played.

The "Dark Horse"

Major Hogg turned out to be the "dark horse," finishing second with a useful 515, or an average of 129 pins per game.

Charles and Black stretched out behind Major Hogg, Charles securing "third place" with 487, or an average of 122 pins per game and Black managed to secure fourth place with 455 or an average of 114 pins per game.

However, Capt. Potts was almost "neck and neck" with Black, securing fifth place with a score of 454 or an average of almost 114 pins per game.

Sleep, Wood and Reidy were not in the picture, lagging too far behind in the field.

Sleep made 417, or an average of 104 pins per game, Wood 380, or an average of 95 pins per game, and Reidy 343 or an average of 86 pins per game.

Taking the "meeting" all through it was a thoroughly enjoyable one and I understand a "revenge" meeting will be held in the near future.

WAH YAN ATHLETICS

Occasional light rainfall during the afternoon failed to dampen the spirits and enthusiasm of the competitors at the sixth annual athletic meeting and inter-house competitions of Wah Yan College, Kowloon, which were held at the Kowloon Football Club ground yesterday.

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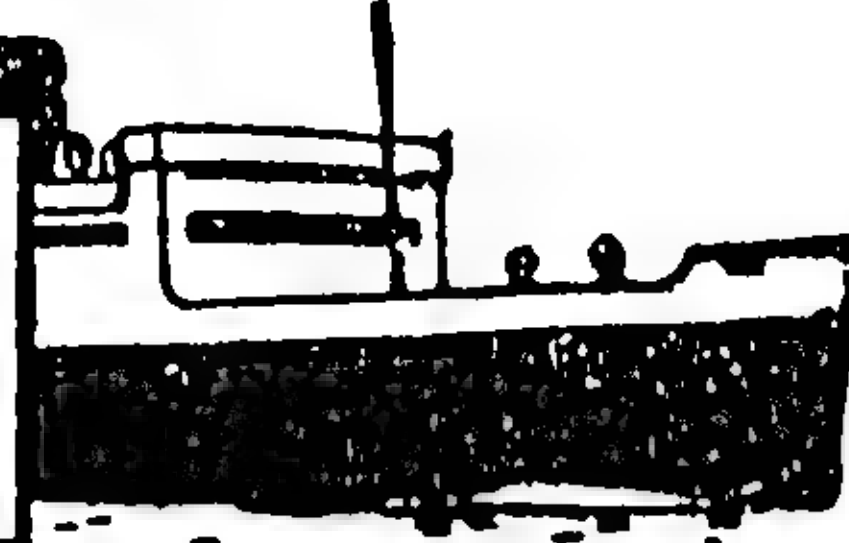
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6.32 p.m.—Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins and Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—My Last Year's Gal; I Can't Give you Anything but Love
Harry Roy & his Orchestra with Vocal refrain
Sailing on the Robert E. Lee (West & others). Ragtime Cowboy Joe (Clarke & others) Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins
Waltz: A Gift from Heaven (Roy) ... Harry Roy & his Orchestra
Rocking Chair, Georgia on my Mind, Lazy Day, Sweet Sue, just You, Heebie Jeebies, I wonder where my Baby is to-night? Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins
Slow Fox-Trot: It May Be, Quickstep: I've Got a Pocketful of Dreams (Hill "Sing you Sinners") Harry Roy & his Orchestra
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.
7.30 p.m.—Anzac Day Programme.
Waltzing Matilda (Peterson-Cowan). Waiata Poi (Hill) Peter Dawson (Bass Baritone) with Orchestra & Chorus
Rustle of Spring Op. 32 No. 1 (Sindberg) Eugen Joyce (Piano)
Hello Ma! (Flotsam & Jetsam). Is It An Aussie Lullaby? Is It (Flotsam & Jetsam) Mr. Flotsam & Mr. Jetsam with Piano
Short Talk from the Studio by Captain C. De Saule Robertson, M.M. Advance Australia
God defend New Zealand
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—Studio "All in Bee"—The Church v. The State. Complete Mr. D. J. Cross.
8.40 p.m.—Classical Requests
9.00 p.m.—London Relay The News
9.15 p.m.—London Relay "Questions of the Hour"
9.30 p.m.—Classical Requests continued
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only)
10.00 p.m.—London Relay "Correspondence Column" by Sidney Hornblow.
10.15 p.m.—Schubert Songs
10.27 p.m.—Schubert—Trio in B Major for Piano, Violin and Cello.
11.00 p.m.—Close down

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning

SUNDAY
Old Course

9.16 a.m.	W. H. E. Thomas, K. S. Morrison
9.20	Col. Rose, L. R. Andrews
9.24	J. W. Anderson, Capt. Thurbly
9.28	N. K. Littlejohn, A. V. Currie
9.32	B. O. Baldwin, S. S. Church
9.36	F. N. Merritt, J. C. Taylor
9.40	E. G. Price, J. A. Blackwood
9.44	N. C. McLeod, A. V. Greaves
9.48	R. Forrest, G. M. Park
9.52	F. D. Hunter, J. A. D. Morrison
9.56	P. V. McLane, W. W. C. Shewan
10.00	J. A. Parrish, T. Megarry
10.04	I. H. Geare, A. B. Purves
10.08	J. W. Clarke, P. E. Annis
10.12	H. M. Rowland, P. M. Cotton
10.16	G. G. Aikenhead, H. F. Phillips
10.20	J. G. Jensen, J. J. van Muihlen
10.24	J. Limaker, J. B. Harrison
10.28	D. L. Newberrin, J. K. Housfield
10.32	B. D. Evans, G. E. Costello
10.36	Major Penfold, S. L. Lloyd
10.40	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie

New Course

9.20 a.m.	R. S. W. Paterson, R. C. Gairdner
10.12	J. S. Dunnett, D. I. Bosanquet
10.20	F. A. M. Elliott, E. L. Groome
10.24	J. F. Robinson, J. Middlecoat



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ST. GEORGE'S PLATE LOOKS TO BE VERY OPEN RACE

Colooma & Anzac Day For The Daily Double

By "Rapier"

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING OF HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WILL BE HELD TO-MORROW WHEN THE FIRST SADDLING BELL WILL BE RUNG AT 1.30 P.M. THERE ARE 10 EVENTS ON THE PROGRAMME, THE MOST IMPORTANT BEING THE ST. GEORGE'S PLATE, AND, GIVEN FAVOURABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS, A LARGE CROWD SHOULD AGAIN ATTEND. IT WILL BE SAFE TO ASSURE THAT EVEN IF IT DOES NOT RAIN, THE TRACK WILL BE ON THE SOFT SIDE, WITH THE INEVITABLE RESULT THAT THE GOING WILL BE SLOW.

The opening event of the day, is confined to "D" Class, China ponies and, in search of the winner, I don't think we need look further than Blue Field (Mr. Chao), Eve of Hunting (Mr. Wood) and Lovely View (Mr. Pih).

Blue Field, for its win in the Taiwan Bay Handicap (First Section), will be carrying top weight of 159 lb. but despite this heavy burden, its stable connections are confident that it will win again.

Eve of Hunting, which lost to the above pony by a neck when they last clashed, will have a pull of 2 lb. from Blue Field but even with that slight advantage I doubt its ability to avenge its last defeat. In any event, both ponies are likely to be strongly challenged by Lovely View, which so far has not been placed.

Valorous (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming), with an allowance of 5 lb. for novice jockey, is worth a ticket each way as it will be carrying only 130 lb.

CANTERBURY PARK STAKES (SIX FURLONGS)

This race is confined to non-winning Australian ponies, griffins of this season, weight 142 lb. with 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes, limit penalty 17 lb.

Prairie View (Mr. Pih) heads the list with 159 lb. It is undoubtedly a better class animal, and despite this heavy burden is still capable of winning. It will, however, have to be at its best to defeat some of the other contenders, particular Hascossay (Mr. Chatter), Gay (Mr. Poy) and Vanguard (Mr. Chang).

At the last meeting Hascossay was fourth in the Wyalong Stakes which The Nineteenth Hole won, but as the distance to-morrow is more to its liking, and it will have an allowance of 5 lb., it should at least place even if it does not win.

Vanguard showed a glimpse of its capabilities when it came in second to Man-O-War in the Sydney Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting and as it will be running with 4 lb. less to-morrow, over the same distance it must not be neglected.

My selections are Prairie View to win, with Vanguard second and Hascossay third.

ST. GEORGE'S PLATE: 1 1/4 MILES

This is the main event of the afternoon and is a handicap race for "B" Class China ponies. With the Old and New brigades in opposition, we should witness a grand contest and a thrilling finish. The ponies to watch are Avon (Mr. Black), Galaxy (Mr. Wei), Johnber (Mr. Chao), Sam's Choice (Mr. Hearne), So Nice (Mr. S. W. Tang) and World Fair View (Mr. Pih).

Avon, for its win in the Hongham Bay Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting, has incurred another 10 lb. penalty and for that reason alone I doubt its ability to win again.

Galaxy won the second section of the above handicap carrying 140 lb. but with only 3 lb. more to handle, its chances of scoring another win seem very bright.

At the previous meeting, Johnber went under to Avon by a short head, but as it has been a failure on so many occasions, I do not know what to say about it, though I am of the opinion that this pony is still good enough to win here.

Sam's Choice was also near in the race, against Avon, and as it is out at home over this longer distance, it will probably extend the above ponies. So Nice, for its surprising win in the Kellett Handicap (Second Section), is fast improving and judging from its time for this distance, it should be thereabouts at the finish. World Fair View is probably the most dangerous pony among the new

bunch of griffins here and it will not surprise if it wins.

CHARTERS TOWERS STAKES (ONE MILE)

This is another race for Australian ponies, griffins of this season that have not won, weight 142 lb. with 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes.

Mountain View (Mr. Pih) came second to Fleetwing in the Beaumaris Stakes at the last meeting over the Champions distance, and considering the way it challenged Fleetwing, I should say that it has a good chance of scoring its first win.

Nomine Poenae, with Mr. S. W. Lee up, was fourth in the above race and if taken out by Mr. Chao to-morrow, it must be regarded as a dangerous contender. Horridge (Mr. Black) and Miss Chalfont (Mr. Hearne) are also likely contenders for honours.

BROKEN HILL HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): 1 1/4 MILES

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double", and will be contested by the first lot of "B" Class Australian ponies.

Colooma (Mr. Black), which came in second to Starlight in the Stewards' Cup from the Two Mile Post, was given a rest at the last meeting and should certainly command strong support this time as it won over this distance before when it beat Oracle in the Austral Racing Stakes.

A Happy Time (Mr. Tu), winner of the Calliope Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting, does not appeal to me over this distance and at best may place.

Man-O-War (Mr. Pih) which won the Sydney Handicap (Second Section), will be carrying 4 lb. less in this race and it is my opinion that it is good enough to win, although it was recently promoted from the "D" Class.

Then there is The Nineteenth Hole (Mr. Hearne), winner of the Wyalong Stakes at the last meeting, to be reckoned with, as this pony is quite capable of giving Colooma a great fight.

As a rank outsider, bear Gloaming (Mr. Poy) in mind, especially as it will be carrying only 135 lb.

However, I nominate Colooma to win, with The Nineteenth Hole second and Man-O-War third.

KOALA STAKES (FIRST SECTION): 1 1/4 MILES

This event is confined to 1941 Australian Subscription ponies, weight 142 lb. with 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes; limit to penalty 17 lb., winners barred.

Bug's (Mr. Wei), which came in second to Wayworth in the Coolgardie Stakes (Second Section), has gone up in weight by 9 lb. and, despite this extra poundage, may win, especially as Mr. Wei will be riding it again, while Bona Vacantia (Mr. Chao), which ran a good race to come second to Corsair in the Randwick Plate (Second Section) with Mr. S. W. Lee up, should also be considered. Another pony to watch is Seventy Six which, although unplaced on its last outing, has been making gradual improvement, and with Mr. Hearne up may create a surprise. Seal River with Mr. Black up is also worth considering and a win here is not altogether out of the question.

ST. KILDA STAKES (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

The second leg of the "Daily Double" will be decided on this race, which will be confined to Australian Subscription ponies of 1941, weight 142 lb. with 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes. Limit to

penalty: 17 lb., winners barred. Among the entries I recommend the following:—

Anzac Day (Mr. Hearne), Newborn Star (Mr. Craven), Royal Sovereign (Mr. Tao), The Koala Bear (Mr. Wei).

I like Anzac Day's chances—it was second to Joan in the Coolgardie Stakes (First Section)—and should certainly be well up at the finish to-morrow. Most dangerous pony, however, is Royal Sovereign, which came third to Battle, the second pony in the Rosehill Stakes, and if it does not bore out, should have a good opportunity of winning. Newborn Star, with its original jockey up should do well as it is fighting fit at the moment, while The Koala Bear is also capable of winning especially over the shorter distance and with a change of jockey in Mr. Wei. It will be recalled that it ran quite well in the above race with Anzac Day

until it reached the Public Stands, and then finished up third.

My selections are Anzac Day to win, Royal Sovereign second and The Koala Bear third.

KOALA STAKES (SECOND SECTION): 1 1/4 MILES

Second section of 1941 Australian subs. will fight out the finish in this race. I think the winner will come from one of the following three:—

Look See (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), Strathalbyn (Mr. Black), Tien Tien (Mr. Pan).

Strathalbyn was considered a good pony in the course of preparation for the Annual Meeting, but, for some reason or other, failed to come up to expectations. To-morrow, perhaps, a win may be forthcoming in view of the opposition, but it should be strongly challenged by Tien Tien, which came second to United Express in the Governor's Cup race during the Annual Carnival.

Look See is yet another pony which has so far done nothing, but in this race it may provide a surprise.

I nominate Tien Tien for a win, with Strathalbyn second and Look See third.

ST. KILDA STAKES (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This event is for the second of 1941 Australian subs. that have not won a race since the Annual Meeting and from the entries I expect one of the following to be the winner.

Daylight (Mr. Wei), Tobaccoship (Mr. Botelho), Twinkling Star (Mr. Craven), Vitamin M. (Mr. Black).

Daylight secured third place in the Randwick Plate (Second Section) over the mile, but failed to gain a place in the Rosehill Stakes

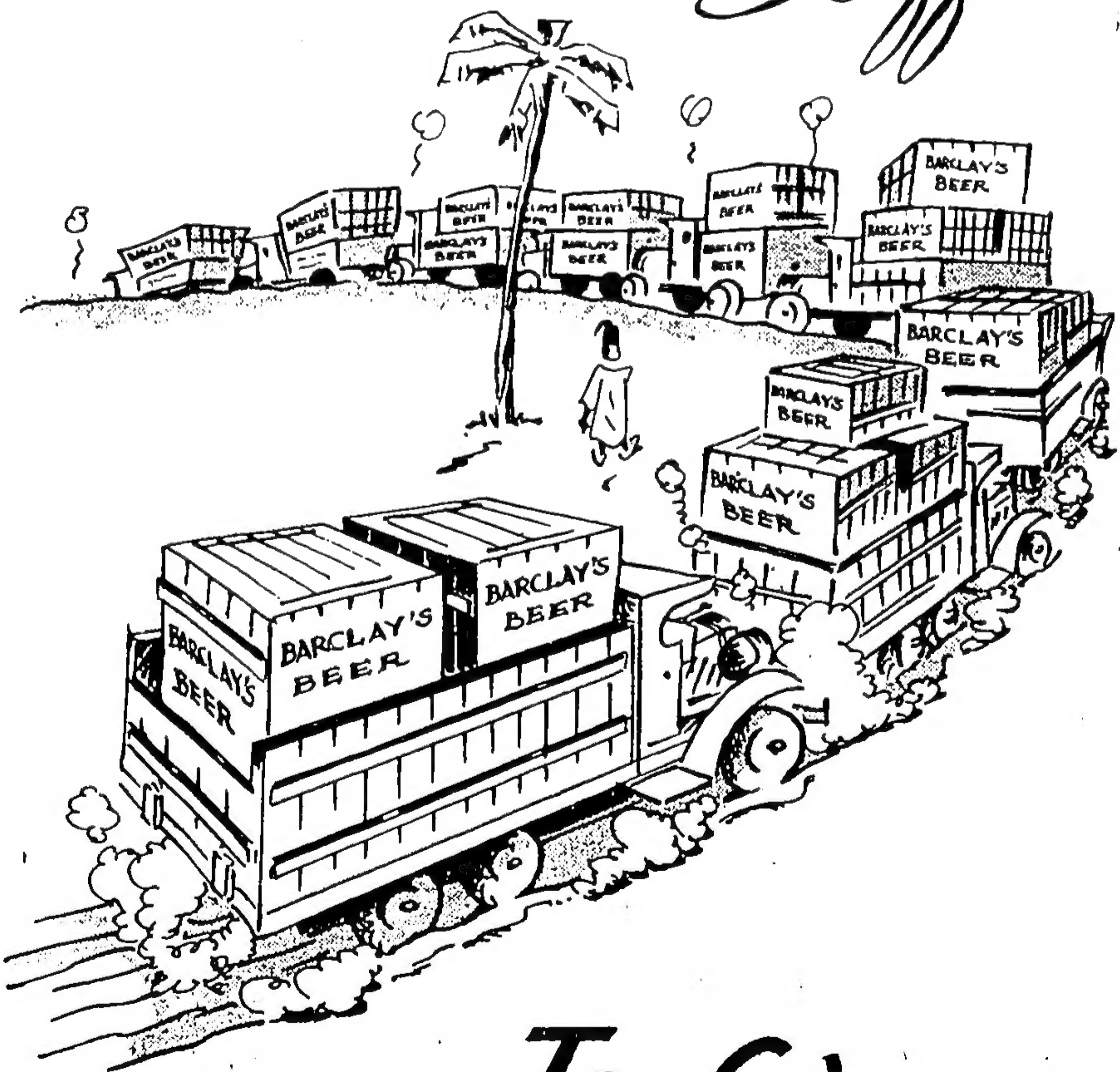
(First Section) from the 1 1/4 mile post distance, but as it will be running a longer race to-morrow it will have a good opportunity of scoring its first win. The real danger, however, is Vitamin M. if started—which should command the most support, as it is a better pony than the other entries. Tobaccoship and Twinkling Star are looking very fit and if given a big lead they will be hard to catch up with. I expect the finish to be fought out between Daylight and Vitamin M with Twinkling Star capable of causing an upset. Tobaccoship also may do well.

BROKEN HILL HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): 1 1/4 MILES

The programme will conclude with a race for the second section of "B" Class Australian ponies, Caterick Bridge (Mr. Chao), which won the Cabramatta Handicap (First Section) when it dead-heated with Cheerful Star, has my recommendation for a win here, while Contact, which will have Mr. Needa as the pilot to-morrow, has been knocking at the door of success for some time, and I think its chances are rather bright. It may be recalled that it placed second to Springhurst in the Calliope Handicap (Second Section).

Rowan (Mr. Hearne) also looks dangerous over this distance as it is quite capable of extending the above two ponies, while Happy Returns (Mr. Wei) was third in the Caulfield Handicap over this distance behind Mainsail and King's Flight respectively, and may do better in this company. Devonian (Mr. Black) with only 135 lb. to carry surely looks tempting, and although the distance may not be to its liking, it may turn up when least expected.

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By "Lead"

THE LAWN BOWLS SEASON MADE AN UNOFFICIAL START LAST WEEK AND TO-MORROW MOST CLUBS WILL BE MAKING FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE LEAGUE A WEEK HENCE.

Events in the course of the last year have made it apparent that the lawn bowler takes his favourite game far more seriously than most sportsmen, and whereas cricketers, tennis players and badminton players have all, at various times, expressed considerable doubt as to whether Leagues in these sports would be practicable, the lawn bowler has proceeded with his arrangements, confident that ways and means would be found—as they have been—to overcome all obstacles.

Thus we find the various divisions of the League constituted much the same as they were last season. Only club that has found it necessary to modify their programme has been Civil Service, who, badly hit by departures on retirement and leave, have found it necessary to withdraw their Second Division team. On the other hand Recreio have been able to enter a team in Third Division.

Records

The keenness at Recreio is reflected in the fact that this season, probably for the first time in the history of the League, this club will have four teams in action. To turn out four teams each week representing a total of 48 players, would appear to be a terrific undertaking, but it is certain that the Recreio authorities, whose job it will after all be to rout out players every week, have gone well into the matter and have adequate reserves.

Another record would seem to have been established. So far as I can recollect, there has been no other occasion when there has been two clubs, each with two teams in senior division, as is the case this year with K.B.G.C. and Recreio.

Promotion and relegation has been put into full effect, clubs being required to compete in higher divisions this season being K.B.G.C. (First Division) and Prison Officer (Second Division), with relegated clubs Hong Kong Football Club and Police.

The constitution of the League therefore will be—

First Division—Recreio "A", Recreio "B", Civil Service, Craigengower, K.B.G.C. "A", K.B.G.C. "B", K.C.C., Kowloon Dock R.C., Police and Indian R.C. (10 teams).

Second Division—Recreio Craigengower, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Hong Kong F.C., K.C.C., Kowloon F.C., Kowloon Tong, Prison Officer and Talkoo (Nine teams).

Third Division—Recreio, Craigengower, Hong Kong C.C., Hong Kong Electric, Hong Kong F.C., K.B.G.C., Kowloon F.C., Police R.C., and Indian R.C. (Nine teams) representing 15 clubs in all.

A new system of scoring in the league will be brought into force this season, which should have the effect of maintaining interest in each match until the last rink has finished.

In all, five points will be at stake in each match as against the old system which only gave two points for a win on aggregate.

Under the new system two points will still be given for an aggregate win but a further three points are to be awarded for wins on individual rinks. This will mean that balance in a team will be one of the main factors in a club interested in League honours, which will bring team-work well into the scheme of things.

I understand that this system has been in operation in Shanghai for three or four seasons and has proved to be outstandingly successful, and from such enquiries as I have made it should prove to be very popular here.

BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent the Kowloon Tong Club in a Lawn Bowls Friendly to-morrow against Club de Recreio at home.

Y. T. Tang, H. Y. Hsu, A. Madan and A. J. Kew (skip).
N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lam, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (skip).
H. A. Castro, M. S. Phoon, A. E. H. Castro and H. Gittins (skip).

K.C.C. Practice

The following members are reminded that there will be a practice roll up on Saturday, April 26, 1941, at the K.C.C., 3.00 p.m.

W. E. Allen, N. J. Bebbington, A. Bone, H. Brokenshire, R. T. Burch, R. S. Capell, T. W. Carr, E. C. Curtis, E. C. Fincher, A. E. P. Guest, S. A. Gray, L. Jack, H. Langley, R. E. Lee, R. Leigh, J. R. Luke, V. C. Labrum, T. A. Madan, A. H. Martin, R. S. Meadows, W. W. Parsons, A. E. Perry, A. W. Ramsey, R. J. Fenton, A. W. Smith, A. Steven, C. J. Tatchell, A. C. Tribble, G. E. Taylor, R. B. Wellwood, G. Bowden and D. Hung.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

THE first water-polo match of the season was played on Wednesday between Middlesex Regt. and European Y.M.C.A. and resulted in a two goal draw.

Last season Middles were in both Finals of the Army competitions and lost to Royal Signals twice, but this season are concentrating on a much stronger team.

They will play a return match next week against Y.M.C.A.

At the meeting of the Swimming Unit representatives, held last month, it was decided to write to all Units and ask their opinion regarding the holding of the Area Marathon and Half Mile races.

So far the following Units have replied and it is four for and two against.

In Favour

8th Coast Regt., R.A., 12th Coast Regt., R.A., 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., and Fortress Royal Engineers.

Against

The Middlesex Regt. and The Royal Scots.

No reply has been received from the Combined Small Units.

The Diving Boards are now completed in the Army Swimming pool at Victoria Barracks and have been improved upon from last year.

TENNIS

THE Army Tennis Leagues, which are due to start soon, are well supported with the 'A' League having 11 entries and the 'B' League 18 entries.

Teams for the leagues are as follows:—

'A' League

8th Coast Regt., R.A., 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., Royal Engineers 'A' Team, Royal Engineers 'B' Team, Royal Signals, Indian Medical Service Corps, R.A.O.C., R.A.P.C., R.A.S.C., R.A.M.C., and Financial Advisers Staff, Headquarters China Command.

'B' League
Royal Scots, Middlesex Regt., 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., 12th Coast Regt., R.A., 38th Coast Bty., R.A., 12th Coast Bty., R.A., 24th Coast Regt., R.A., 30th Coast Regt., R.A., 965 Coast Defence Bty., Royal Engineers, Royal Signals, R.A.P.C., R.A.O.C., R.A.M.C. 'A' Team, R.A.M.C. 'B' Team, R.A.S.C. 'A' Team, R.A.S.C. 'B' Team, and Royal Air Force.

ATHLETICS

OWING to the inclement weather it has been proposed that the Area Athletic meeting, which is taking place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday should be held on Middlesex Regt. Sports ground at Shamshulpo. The final decision will be made before next Monday as to whether this meeting will take place on the mentioned ground.

The Polo Club ground at Boundary Street where the Meeting was originally to be held is still under water and it is impossible to mark out an Athletic track.

The Semi-finals of the Area Tug-of-War competition will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 110 stone on Tuesday and the 130 stone on Wednesday.

The following teams will compete in the semi-finals.

110 Stone
8th Coast Regt., R.A. v. 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.; 12th Coast Regt., R.A. v. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.

130 Stone
1st H. K. Regt. H.K.S.R.A. v. 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.; 12th Coast Regt., R.A. v. 2/14 Punjab Regt.

This competition does not count towards the points for the Area Athletic Championships.

Winners of the Tug-of-war Tournaments in previous years.

110 Stone
1938.—1st H.K. Regt. H.K.S.R.A.

SENIOR CHAMPIONS IN GOOD POSITION

By "Lead"

PROVIDING THE weather does not take a hand in things—as appears more than likely at the moment of writing—most club lawn bowls conveners should have a pretty good idea as to their line-up for the opening League matches to-morrow week.

For the most part all the information the above-mentioned conveners are prepared to give at this stage is just a mix of names of these players who have signified their intention of playing but some clubs have gone a little farther and have supplied fairly positive information.

There has been quite a lot of the usual shifting around, as players change their affections. The average lawn bowler is very like a woman in this respect—and quite a number of clubs, notably Civil Service, have lost a large number of their erstwhile stalwarts through leaves, retirements and other such things.

100 Players

The champions, however, are in an extraordinarily fine position and will take some ousting from the eminence they occupied last season. Bowls has caught on at this club like it has in no other club in the Colony and such has been the demand that they have, like Hitler, been forced to seek new territory.

Result has been the adaption of a piece of ground, above the present bowling green, on the cricket ground.

Three rinks have been laid out there and reports from those members who have played on this new territory have been glowing. It is said that the new rinks are far better than the old ones, which will be a good thing from a point of view of relieving congestion.

The big problem at the King's Park club will be who to leave out. I am told that no fewer than 100 players are available to fill the 48 places in the teams and as many of these players are youngsters who improve rapidly, I can foresee some headaches in store for the unfortunates responsible for the selection of the teams before the season is out.

Craigengower will be strengthened by the return of their general president, B. W. Bradbury and it is possible that Dick Baza, who skipped a rink last year, will play this season as a No. 3, as U. M. Omar and Charlie Rosset, who skipped the Open Rinks teams last year, appear to be the logical choices for the two other skips.

K.C.C. Losses

Kowloon Bowling Green Club, with two teams in Senior Division, have lost Harrower and Pope, while Frank Cheesman and "Busty" Power have not signified their intention of playing, but otherwise appear to be intact. They have any amount of material and should have a good season. Alf Hall, George Sherriff and Adam Holland, last season's skips, are all available and it will be interesting to see how far the composition of their rinks, as they

lined up last season, will be altered.

I understand that Bob Duncan will again be in at the helm of one of the "B" rinks, while Dugie Waterton is also available and will probably skip one of the other rinks.

Kowloon Cricket Club have suffered some serious losses but against this they have a young and coming bunch of enthusiasts who should do much, later on at any rate, to make some compensation.

Frank Goodwin has thrown in his lot with Cricket Club, and Ernie Kern has migrated to Chatham Road, leaving only Teddy Fincher, of last year's team, to skip. Walter Naef, has also shifted his affections, while the rotund "Lobby" is probably going on leave in the near future and will certainly not be available for the whole of the season.

Against this they have acquired Norman Bebbington, formerly H.K.F.C., and a bunch of recruits including Harold Brokenshire, Stewart Gray, Bertie Guest, Robbie Lee, Johnnie Luke, Reg Fenton and several others so they should not have much difficulty in turning out teams.

Kowloon Docks have most of their old brigade, although J. McKelvie, the president of K.B.G.C., will be playing for the Austin Road outfit. Fred Cullen, Kempton and Morrison are all available and there are adequate players on whom to call.

C.S.C.C. Badly Hit

Civil Service have been so badly hit by the loss of members that they only feel up to fielding one team. Arthur Grimmett, former Colony champion, and R. R. Wood have retired, while Hollidge has been transferred to Singapore. Deakin, Collyer and Hillier are on leave and A. B. Allan will not be playing this season on medical advice, although I notice he is representing C.S.C.C. on the Association Council.

I.R.C. will be in much the same position as last season and should again be in a position to upset some of the leaders even if they do not win the championship.

Second and Third Division clubs will be reviewed at a later date.



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Champion's Impenetrable Defence Decides Issue Oliveira's Fine Mixed Display

By "Adrem"

IF THE SENIOR COLONY SINGLES BADMINTON SEMI-FINAL AT KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB LAST NIGHT DID NOT PROVIDE THE STERN TUSSELE EXPECTED, IT PRODUCED A STANDARD OF BADMINTON IN THE FIRST GAME OF THE MATCH THAT HAS PROBABLY NEVER BEEN SEEN HERE BEFORE.

Wong, the holder, beat M. P. Yoong by 17-16, 15-3 and if, as the scores suggest, the second game was one-sided, that first game saw the introduction of strokes by Yoong that Wong has most certainly never been called upon to cope with before. That the local champion was able to counter these strokes speaks much for his ability and whatever the result of his match with Choy in the final, it is certain that Wong will not be outclassed, as many seem to think is possible.

The mixed doubles match between Hoor and Miss Khoo, and Oliveira and Miss Silva, might not have been all that it should have been but it was close and interesting with Hoor's experience the deciding factor.

The junior doubles, between Young and Fung and Pereira and Xavier resulted in the latter pair winning easily rather against expectations.

Young was conceding a walk over from D. Chelliah, who was unable to play when the match was originally fixed for Monday. Young did not feel up to the effort of playing two games last night.

The Better Man?

I heard it argued after the main match last night that the better man lost. My answer to that was that the better man might have lost but on the showing of the two men last night, I would always put my money on Wong.

I will concede that Yoong had a far bigger variety of strokes, and when he was fighting that rear-guard action in the first game made Wong look very second-rate, but the fact that Wong was able, through determination and never-failing concentration, to find the answer for the best that Yoong could produce, and later on proceed to break his opponent's game up completely, is the indication of the material that makes champions.

Yoong played all his strokes with polish. Particularly impressive was his backhand clearing shots from losing positions, when he struck the "bird" when it was almost on the floor. Then—this being in the category of a trick shot—he played a couple of angled drops with his back to the net, which beat Wong all ends up.

The stroke which Yoong favoured most last night and with which he worked Wong out of position, quite frequently, was the drive, which he exploited with accuracy.

Wong played a grim sort of game. Not for him any fancy play. He had a job to do and he set out to do it. His defence was grand and it was his return of Yoong's best winning strokes that finally broke up the University player's game. His smash was by far the more accurate of the two and he played his drops with discretion and accuracy.

Yoong's Rally

Wong took a lead of 12-6 in the first game but Yoong then played a series of three first-class shots which brought him three aces, and partially demoralised Wong. Yoong drew up to 11-12 but when Wong won the next two aces it all appeared to be over. Again Yoong rallied, however, and drew up to 14—all, then, going on to 2-0 with the game in his bag.

It appeared to me at this stage that reaction then set in and Yoong unconsciously relaxed. Against Wong this is nearly always fatal and so it proved, the

Chinese "Y" player, taking the next three aces for game.

Yoong started off the second game with enough determination but by this time Wong was playing like a machine. He ground out 10 aces before Yoong broke his "duck" and then went on to win as he liked, with Yoong obviously in the last stages of exhaustion.

Over-Eagerness

The over-eagerness of Miss Khoo nearly cost Hoor and she then match against Oliveira and Miss Silva. Miss Khoo would insist on going for half-court shots that should have been left to her partner. Result was Hoor was continually being caught on the wrong foot through the "bird" being taken right off his racket.

Hoor was not the Hoor of two seasons ago and he again showed a lack of confidence with his service but his wide experience stood him in good stead and he achieved much with his quiet unspectacular methods. Miss Khoo made some good kills and positioned herself well when Hoor was drawn to the net.

Oliveira played the game of his life. His coverage of court was as good as ever, while his short game was far more accurate than it has been for some time. He pursued the right tactics and it was he who kept feeding Miss Khoo those half-court shots up the sideline that she could not resist having a stab at.

Miss Silva had an unhappy first game and appeared to be nervous but she gave an object lesson in the woman's role in mixed doubles. She remained rooted to the net, dealing effectively with all drops and leaving the rest of the game to her partner. Her service was very accurate and paved the way for many openings for Oliveira.

Pereira Shines

The junior doubles was a poor match, best player of the four being Pereira, who played a fine all-round game featured by splendid smashing and driving. Xavier was at his best on the forecourt, although he bungled many easy shots.

There is no gainsaying the fact that Fung was right off form and at no time found his touch but it must also be said that Yoong was by no means the man who beat Norman Smith in the junior singles. He was extremely inaccurate and appears to have little idea how the doubles game should be played.

The finals will take place next week, when the prizes will be distributed by Mrs. T. E. Pearce.

D. M. XAVIER WINS TWO EVENTS

As the result of a victory over A. A. Remedios in the handicap singles, D. M. Xavier, leading V.R.C. League player, has won two events in the V.R.C. annual

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

SENIOR SINGLES
P. H. Wong (holder) beat M. P. Yoong 17-16, 15-3.
JUNIOR SINGLES
T. S. Young received a walk over from D. Chelliah.
MIXED DOUBLES
P. K. Hoor and Miss U. Khoo beat M. A. Oliveira and Miss Silva 15-10, 13-15, 15-4.
JUNIOR DOUBLES
C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat T. S. Young and K. Fung 15-12, 15-8.

badminton tournament.

Playing yesterday, Xavier, whose handicap is minus 9 beat Remedios (-1) 15-12, 15-9. About a fortnight ago, in the mixed doubles final, with Miss L. Foster, as his partner, he beat the Colony tennis champion, S. A. Rumjahn and Miss Curreen 15-11, 15-6.

SIX-A-SIDE HOCKEY

The Hong Kong Hockey Association will hold a six-a-side Tournament on Sunday at 2 p.m. at King's Park.

The tournament has attracted 20 teams, the draw resulting:

FIRST ROUND

At Recreation: Nomads v 5th A.A. Regt. "A"; Engineers "A" v Y.M.C.A. "B".

At C.B.A.: Engineers "C" v Royal Scots; C.B.A. A v 5th A.A. Regt. C.

Second Round

At Recreation: Y.M.C.A. v Destroyers; Middlesex "A" v Middlesex "B".

At C.B.A.: C.B.A. "B" v Engineers "B".

At Y.M.C.A.: Signals "A" v Khalsa "B"; Signals "B" v Khalsa "A"; C.B.A. "C" v 5th A.A. Regt. "B".

The games will not be decided by the position of the ball when the final whistle blows, but if there is no score or the scores are equal, the game shall be continued until another goal is scored or until one of the sides has forced either a long or short corner.

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ITALIANS ROUTED IN FIERCE DESSIE BATTLE

South Africans Carry Mountain Barricades

Duke Of Aosta's Remnant Army In Full Flight

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent on Dessie Road Yesterday)

AFTER THE FIERCEST BATTLE OF THE ENTIRE ABYSSINIAN CAMPAIGN, SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS ROUTED ITALIAN FORCES HOLDING MOUNTAIN BARRICADES BEFORE DESSIE, 140 MILES NORTH-EAST OF ADDIS ABABA WHERE THE MAJORITY OF THE DUKE OF AOSTA'S SCATTERED FORCES ARE MAKING THEIR LAST STAND.

South Africans have taken many prisoners and inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy.

Now the war 'planes of the South African Air Force are swarming like angry bees over frantically retreating Italians who are racing back through the mountain pass towards Dessie. Evidently they hope that roads blocked behind them will afford them a respite.

It is not yet clear whether the enemy will be able to rally his shattered forces for another stand before Dessie.

Emperor Haile Selassie's Abyssinian Patriotic Forces, operating with South African troops now, have cut the road to the Red Sea port of Assab and are also preventing the enemy from retreating into Danakil.

Should they turn north along the road to Asmara, the Italians will run up against the British and Imperial forces under General Platt, who are pressing south after their victory at Keren.

Head Of Gorge

The battle before Dessie which reached its climax on Wednesday afternoon was fought near the head of a gorge running like a knife out into the west wall of the valley.

The South Africans found the enemy sitting 6,000 feet up on mountain heights and grimly pouring a hail of machine-gun bullets and mortar and artillery fire at the attacking force.

MEN FROM NATAL CLIMBED THE MOUNTAINS ON THE RIGHT FLANK TO DISLodge THE BERSAGLIERI AND OTHER ITALIAN UNITS. LATER TROOPS FROM THE TRANSVAAL ON THE LEFT FLANK MOPPED UP ITALIAN ARTILLERY AND OBSERVATION POSTS.

For two hours the fight raged bitterly, then the Italians broke and fled.

Reinforcements arriving from Dessie found their comrades in a headlong flight and promptly joined in the scramble.—Reuter

Official Communique

Reporting that the British troops forced the enemy's forward defences in the Dessie sector, an official communique in Nairobi says: "Latest reports state that the enemy is retreating and as usual covering his withdrawal with extensive demolitions."

"In the Neghelli sector the position remains unchanged. Further west, our troops occupied Maji, centre of the Merille tribes who welcomed them. In all sectors, Patriot Forces are carrying out most successful operations by harassing the rear of elements of the enemy and cutting lines of communications.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL HORTHY SEES HITLER

Herr Hitler yesterday received at his headquarters, the Hungarian Regent, Admiral Horthy, who later returned to Budapest, says the official German News Agency.—Reuter.

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Heavy Bombing In Greece

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Heavy German air attacks on Greek ports and islands yesterday was reported by the Athens Radio.

The Radio bulletin states: "Numerous German aircraft in repeated waves attacked Piraeus, Salamis, Megra and Attida. Bombs were dropped on Corinth causing damage and casualties. German squadrons also bombed Thebes and another squadron attacked Milos Island. International News Service.

U.S. BUREAU OF ECONOMIC WARFARE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A new campaign in the United States to combat sabotage is indicated.

It was learned in Washington last night that since exposure of the existence of widespread German economic penetration in United States war industries, the Administration is hastening plans to establish a Bureau of Economic Warfare.

Independent plans are being drafted by at least three Federal Departments, the State Department, Department of Justice and Department of Commerce for submission to President Roosevelt.

From these recommendations, the President is expected to create an agency parallel to the British Ministry of Economic Warfare.—International News Service.

NAZIS RAIDING LAST NIGHT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

German raiders were over East Anglia and Southern England during the night. The attack, which seemed to be developing, began soon after dusk and was continuing at midnight. No details are yet available.—International News Service.

OFF TO McNEIL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. Marine, Private Gerald Casement, leaves Shanghai to-night to serve a life term on McNeil Is. and for the murder of his 15-months-old stepson, "Skipper" Sebastian, in a drunken stupor.—International News Service.

ITALIAN 'NAVAL VICTORY'

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Shanghai newspapers are referring to the "Tomislav" incident as "The First Italian Naval Victory of the War."

The Customs has lodged a firm protest with the Italian Consulate over the seizure of the Yugoslav vessel by Italian marines from the warship "Lepanto."

In answer to the Italian claim that the action was taken to "protect" the vessel, the Customs declared that the River Police would do all the "protecting" that was necessary.

The British authorities are taking deep interest in the business as the 5,000-ton merchant ship was under British charter to bring wheat from Australia.—International News Service.

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MANILA ALIEN REGISTRATION LAW

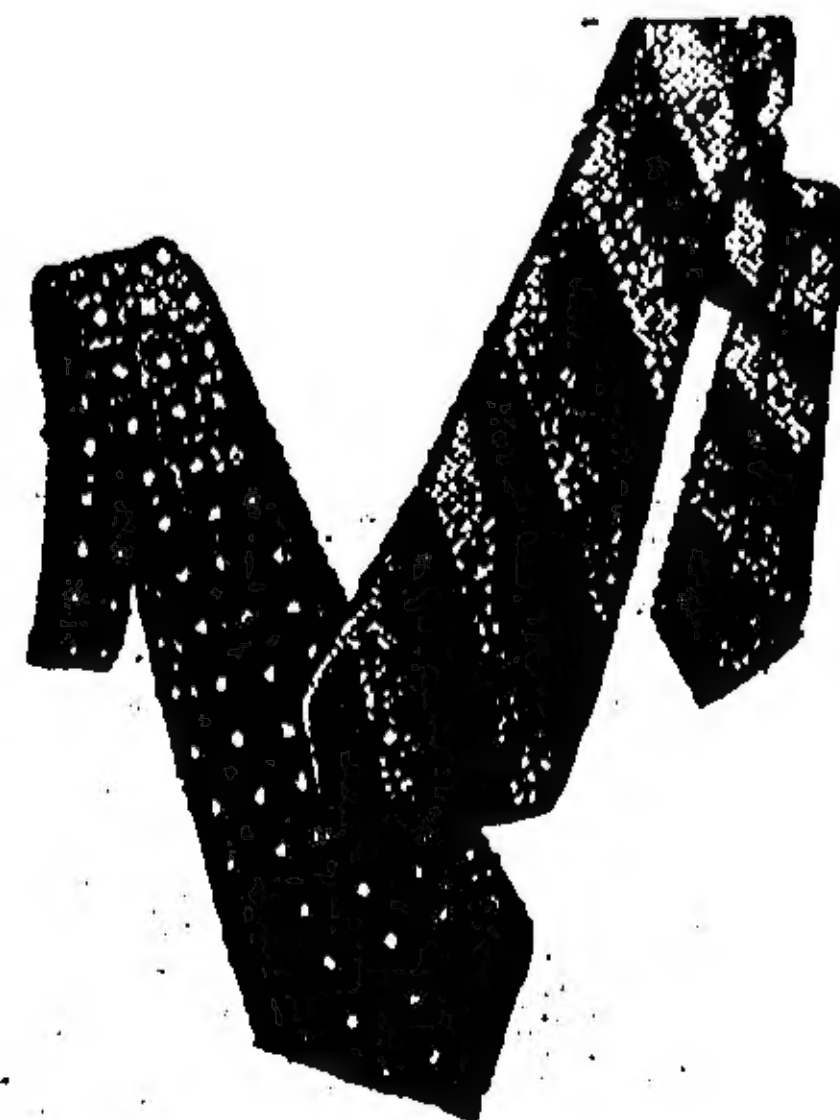
The Legislative Assembly in Manila yesterday passed the Alien Registration Bill, rejecting all liberalising amendments.

The measure requires the fingerprints of each alien resident and a fee of ten pesos.—Reuter

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